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SOME OF THE ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF JAMES AND GEORGE ASHFORD JR. OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

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TO MY MOTHER

AND TO THE MEMORY

OF MY FATHER

PREFACE

The challenge to make this study came after learning my great grandfather, John Rabb Ashford, came to Mississippi, from Fairfield County, South Carolina and was buried at Old Concord Cemetery in Choctaw County.

In the process of uncovering facts about the Ashfords coming to Mississippi, other interesting facts revealed themselves. I learned that John Rabb Ashford was the son of James Ashford, James had a brother, George; they married sisters, and both had descendants in Mississippi. This publication deals with some of the ancestors and descendants of James and George Ashford, Jr. of Fairfield County, South Carolina.

It would not have been possible to complete this study to this point, without the assistance and cooperation of friends and members of the family. I wish to express by appreciation for each and everyone's help. A list of all those who furnished information would be too long to make individual mention, but would like to give special recognition to Miss Iris Ashford, my sister, for her encouragement and much faithful research; to Mary Lou (Ashford) Castles (Mrs. R. A.), of Rion, South Carolina, for collecting information on more than forty families in the George Ashford, Jr. line; to Miss Jessie Mae Ashford, of Malvern, Arkansas and Washington, D. C., for valuable research in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D. C.; to George and Ruby Taylor of McCool, Mississippi, for furnishing old letters, pictures, and other important data. Others who deserve special thanks are: H. T. Ashford, Jr., Dannie Clay Ashford, the late Robert Joseph Black, the late Mrs. Caroline Ellen (Turnipseed) Whitmire, Mrs. Louisa Laughlin (Ashford) Robinson, W. K. Ashford, Nell (Ashford) Sallis (Mrs. M. E.), Mrs. Eleanor (Hutchison) Whitmire (Mrs. C. D.) and Miss Mary Ann Ashford.

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In collecting and preparing the following material some mistakes may occur, but the most painstaking care has been taken to have the statements as accurate as possible. This study is a small part of a

larger volume which should be written some day on the Ashford family in America. It is hoped that many connected with other branches of the family will become interested in compiling additional facts.

The numbers appearing at the beginning of certain paragraphs means the number of generations that person is removed from Michael Ashford, Sr. of Prince William County, Virginia.

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People who take no pride
in the noble achievements of
remote ancestors, will never
achieve anything worthy to be
remembered with pride by
remote descendents.

-Macaulay

CHAPTER I

THE NAME

"Surnames are known to have been assumed, in some instances, before the Norman Conquest; but they did not become general in England until two or three centuries later. Every name, no doubt, originally had a meaning, or was first assumed or imposed from its real or supposed fitness, from some accidental circumstance, or from mere caprice." [1]

"It was not until a hundred years or more after the Conquest that hereditary surnames were found in any great numbers----Not until the latter part of the thirteenth century are hereditary surnames found to be the rule rather than the exception----For several centuries afterwards, not until the seventeenth century, could it be said that hereditary family names were upon a sound and firm basis and not subject to change at the slightest whim of the individual." [2]

The name Ashford, evidently originated because a rural hamlet in England, was established where an ASH tree stood by a ford. In the process of developing names, as we have them now, Ash de la Ford (Norman Fashion), Ash atte Ford (Saxon Fashion), finally evolved to become Ashford.

"Having attained a given name in their own particular manner, like-Walter-who, living in or near Ashford, a rural hamlet, decides to depart, he became known as Walter de Ashford. Eventually the de was dropped." [3]

The following given names were used by the Ashfords throughout many generations:

"Ashford	---	Teutonic	---	(Dweller at) Ash tree ford
Michael	---	Hebrew	---	Means Godly
Micajah	---	Hebrew	---	Who is like God
George	---	Greek	---	Farmer - Husbandman
James	---	English	---	Form of Jacob
Charles	---	Teutonic	---	Robust - of noble spirit-Serious." [4]

1. Origin of Suffolk Surnames--Second edition--N. T. Bowditch--Ch. 1; (Boston:Ticknor-Fields)
2. The Story of Our Names--Elsdon C. Smith pp. 27-28--New York:Harper & Brothers
3. English Surnames, Source and Signification--Charles Wearing Bardsley
4. Dictionary of Given Names -- Flora Haines Loughead

CHAPTER II

MICHAEL ASHFORD, SR.

1. Michael Ashford and his wife Ann each filed a will in Prince William County, Virginia in 1734. Michael's will named the following children:

2a. John Ashford
2b. Michael Ashford
2c. William Ashford
2d. George Ashford
2e. Ann Ashford
2f. Mary Ashford
2g. Constance Ashford

It is not known whether they are listed in the order of their birth. Nor is it known by the writer whether Michael Ashford, Sr. was born in America or in England. There was a Michael Ashford living in Charles County, Maryland in 1663. He died and his widow, Johanna, married Thomas Hussey. This Michael could have been the father of the Michael who is the subject of this chapter. In 1698 a certain Michael Ashford went from Charles County, Maryland to Prince George County, Maryland where he "purchased five hundred acres of land for 21,000 pounds of tobacco. This tract of land was a part of a larger tract known as Haddocks Hills alias Seamans Delight." [1]

Michael Ashford probably left Prince George County, Maryland, and moved across the Potomac River into Stafford County, Virginia, late in 1712. Evidently Michael settled in that part of Stafford County, which became part of Prince William County in 1730, and Prince William County was later used to help in the creation of Fairfax County. All the old land deeds and records are found now in the court house at Fairfax, Virginia.

The land which Michael willed to his sons had been a land grant to William O'Daniel November 8, 1720, thence to Michael Ashford by a Proprietors Deed bearing the date of the "Twenty-Ninth day of May anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-Nine." [2]

1. Archives of Maryland, 1694 - 1729, Vol. XXXVIII, p. 146, Library of Congress
2. Deed Bk. M, p. 163, & Deed Bk. M, No. I, pt. I, pp. 811-13, Fairfax County Court House, Fairfax, Va.

(Stafford Co., Va. formed 1664 from Westmorland Co.; Prince William Co. formed 1730 from King George and Stafford; Fairfax Co. formed 1742 from Prince William Co.)

Part or all of the Michael Ashford estate eventually became a part of the Mount Vernon Estate. George Ashford and his wife, Mary, sold their part of the estate to George Washington. [3] There is also a record to indicate that John and William sold their part of the Michael Ashford estate to George Washington.

As stated above Michael Ashford's wife, Ann, also filed a will in 1734. She named her oldest son, John as executor of her will; Michael named his "loving wife" as Executrix of his will. Evidently Ann died just before Michael, or between the date of Michael's death and the probation of his will. Thus, John became the administrator of his father's will also. The fact he did so, is evidence that he was the oldest living son. This was in accordance with the English Law, which was in force in the Colonies at that time.

Michael Ashford and his family were living in Truro Parish in 1733-1734.. This we know since Michael was a Vestryman at that time. The following fact has been discovered: "At the meeting on April 16, 1733, Michael Ashford took oath and subscribed the test as a Vestryman. An agreement was made with the Reverend DeButts to preach three times a month for one year at Occoquan Church." [4] After the year 1733 the name disappears and that of Pohick is substituted. The church stood until superseded by the new or present Pohick in 1744. The attendance record of the Vestry meeting on 11 October 1734, is the last one showing Michael Ashford as among those present. [5] He evidently died not too long after this date, since his will was probated 20th March, 1734.

3. Deed Bk. E, 1761 - 1765, Fairfax County Court House, Fairfax, Virginia.
4. The History of Truro Parish by Rev. P. Slaughter, D. D., p. 5, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.
5. Truro Parish Vestry Book, Vestry Meeting 11 Oct. 1734, Manuscript Div., Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. (There are about 250 pages in this book, covering the years 1732 - 1811. The book has not been completely explored by the writer.)

Michael Ashford's Will

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the Twentieth Day of October in the year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-four, I Michael Ashford of Prince William County Virginia being sick & weak in Body, but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to God for the same and knowing the uncertainty of the life on earth & being Desirous to settle things in order to make, constitute, & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form following That is to say first & Principally I commend my soul to almighty God my creator assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon & remission of my sins, & be saved by the precious blood & merits of my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Christ Jesus, and my Body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such Christian & Decent manner as to my Executrix hereafter named Shall be thought meet & convenient and as touching such worldly Goods & Estate as the Lord in his mercy hath Sent me my will and meaning is the same shall be employed and bestowed as by this my last will & Testament is Expressed And first I do Revoke, Renounce, Frustrate, & make void all wills by me formerly made, and declare & appoint this my last Will and Testament.

I Give & Bequeath to my son John one horse named Roger and one black foal & two cows & two calves.

I Give & Bequeath to my son Michael a horse called his & a young Bay mare and two cows and two calves.

I Give & Bequeath to my Son William a Bay horse called his own & two cows & two calves.

I Give & Bequeath to my son Michael all that Tract of land lying on the Head of Doge Run & Feather Bed with the furniture.

I Give & Bequeath to my sons George and William that Tract of land at Doge Run not before bequeathed to be equally Divided between them allowing their Brother Michael Timber sufficient to supply his necessity.

I Give & Bequeath to my son John a Tract of Land lying between Doge Run & little Hunting Creek & one feather Bed with ye blanketts & Rugg and Sheets belonging to it.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Ann a little white horse called Cordit.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my son George a Black mare which came of a Dun mare.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughters Mary & Constance two filly foals between them.

I do constitute and appoint & ordain my loving wife to be my sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament and none other in witness whereof hereunto I have set my hand & seal

Signed sealed and delivered
in the Presence of

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my Son George one Negro Named Dick.

Item I Give & Bequeath unto my son John that Tract of Land upon the head of Accotink.

Item I Give unto my son William a Bed with the Rugg, blanketts & Sheets belonging to it.

Item I Give unto my sons George & William one bed a piece ye with Ruggs, Blanketts & Sheets belonging to them.

Item I Give unto my Daughter Ann, Mary, & Constance each of them one Bed & Furniture with the Ruggs, Blanketts & Sheets belonging to them.

Item I do constitute & appoint my well beloved Wife my sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof the preceeding will on the other side mentioned I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twenty-first Day of November 1734.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of — Mic. Ashford

John Camplin
his
Joshua Pealy
Mark

At a Court continued and held for Prince William County the Twentieth Day of March 1734. This will was presented into Court by John Ashford who made a Oath thereto announcing to Law and the same being proved by the Oath of the Witnesses thereto subscribed was admitted to Record and Ann Ashford Sole Executrix appointed in the said will being dead without having first undertaken the Burden of the Executrix thereof on the motion of the said John Ashford and he performing what is usual in such Cases, Certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration with the said will annoted in Due form.

Test

Catesby Cooke, Clerk Court

After reading the will, you may be as confused about the dates used as the writer was. The will was dated 20 October, 1734, and it was filed for probate, 20 March, 1734. The dates were given according to the Julian calendar which was used by England and the colonies prior to 1752, when the Gregorian calendar was adopted. According to the Julian calendar in England and in the American Colonies, the first day of the year began with March 25.

CHAPTER III

GEORGE ASHFORD, SR.
of
NEWBERRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

2. George Ashford, Sr., of Newberry County, South Carolina, is believed to have been the son of Michael Ashford, Sr., of that part of Prince William County, Virginia, which is now in Fairfax County of that State. There was a George Ashford of Prince William County, Virginia, who was a minor in 1734 when his father, Michael Ashford, died. On 17 November 1743 John Guoss, Thomas Leives, and James Beach were appointed the guardians of that young George. [1]

George Ashford, and his wife, Mary, of Fairfax (Prince William) County, Virginia, sold land to George Washington, 135 acres in January 1760 [2] and 135 acres on 14 January 1762. [3] The latter reference is the last record found of George living in Fairfax (Prince William) County, Virginia.

The first record found of the George Ashford, subject of this chapter, shows him residing in Union County, South Carolina, in 1784. If he is the same George who is mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the question arises: -- Where did he live from 1762 to 1784? We know the trend of migration at that time was in the direction, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. It is entirely possible that he was enroute during that time. George Ashford, Sr. patented from the government "163 acres of land in Union County, South Carolina, located on the waters of Cains Creek, Sept. 7, 1784." [4] He evidently lived on this farm until he bought his farm in Newberry County in 1789. Records at the courthouse in Union County show "George Ashford, Sr. and his wife Sally, sells 163 acres of land for $163.00 to his son Moses Ashford 27 April 1800." [5] The deed specified that the land was located on Cains Creek. Bennett Ashford and Sarah Ashford witnessed the deed.

1. Circuit Court, Fairfax County, Virginia, Will Bk. A, No. 1, part 1, pp. 32 - 33.
2. Ibid., Deed Bk. D, --. 822 - 23, Jan 29, 1760, "George Ashford to George Washington, 135 acres, 5 shillings, Doge Run, land granted to Michael Ashford 270 acres 1729."
3. Ibid., Deed Bk. E, 1761 - 1765, "George Ashford & Mary, his wife, to George Washington, 135 acres, £ 165, containing in the whole 270 acres, Jan. 14, 1762."
4. S. C. State Records Vol. 24, Page 295.
5. Union County, S. C. Deed Bk. R, Page 78.

Prior to 10 July 1789, George Ashford bought 150 acres of land in Newberry County, South Carolina.[6]

Eighteen children were born to George and his wife, Mary, according to his will[7] and a Bible now in the possession of A. V. Ashford of Bolton, Mississippi. The names of the children appear herein subsequently.

A bit of circumstantial evidence leading one to believe that George Ashford who died in Newberry County, South Carolina on 31 July 1814, was the son of Michael Ashford of Prince William County, Virginia, may be observed by the part that each used the same given names for their children.

In naming their children, George and Mary of Newberry County, South Carolina, used all the given names which Michael and Ann Ashford of Prince William County, Virginia, had given to their children. It was, of course, a common custom in those days to name the oldest son for his grandfather and the oldest daughter after her grandmother. George named his oldest son Michael and his oldest daughter Ann. Two of the sons of George and Mary Ashford, Michael[8] and George,[9] fought in the American Revolutionary Army in South Carolina.

6. Court of Newberry County, Newberry County Court House, South Carolina, Deed Bk. A, p. 704, Abstract of Deed, dated 3 April 1789; recorded 10 July 1789 -- "George Ashford of Newberry County, South Carolina, bought from Henry Liles and his wife, Ann, of the same county, 150 acres of land, for and in consideration of 85 pounds sterling, situated in Newberry County in for, between Broad and Saludy River on the south and on Broad River, bound south westwardly on Robert Buzzard's land when laid out and by vacant lands on all sides at time of survey of said land. This land was originally granted to Jacob Felkor, Sr., by William Bull, Lt. Governor of Province of South Carolina, Said 150 acres was transferred by Jacob Felkor, Sr. to Joseph Brown and his wife Keziah, on 21 April 1783 (Deed Bk. A, p. 559), and said Brown sold same tract to Aaron Cates on 23 March 1785 (Deed Bk. A, p. 563), and Aaron Cates transferred said tract of 150 acres to Henry Liles on 24 April 1786 (Deed Bk. A, p. 560). Henry Liles and his wife, Ann Liles, transferred same land to George Ashford on 3 April 1789.
7. Dept. of Archives, State of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C., Vol. 2, Section G, p. 3, Newberry County Wills.
8. "The Original Index Book Showing Revolutionary Claims Filed in South Carolina, "by Janie Revill, shows under "Returns number 112,"

"Michael Ashford	(Issued 9 May 1786, for £ 28 - 14 - 3½
	(sterling duty done in Brandon's Pr. audited
Box X	(on interest £ 2 - o2"

9. Stub Entries To Indents - Issued in Payment of Claims Against South Carolina, Growing Out of the Revolution, Books Y - Z, by A. S. Salley Jr., p. 105:

"No. 672	(Issued 31 Dec. 1785 to Mr. Geo. Ashford for
	(£ 21 - 8 - 6 3/4 Sterling for duty done as
Lib Y	(a private in the militia in 1781 & account
	(audited, principal £ 21 - 8 - 6 3/4,
	(interest £ 1 - 9 - 11"

George Ashford died 31 July 1814 intestate.[10] His wife must have died prior to his death, because she was not listed in his will, nor in the division of his estate. His property (every item) was sold at a public auction on 14 and 15 November 1814.[11] The proceeds of the sale amounted to $2,633.42. George and Micajah were named executors of their father's will, but Micajah handled all details of executing it. The reason for this being, Micajah lived with, or near, his father, but his brother, George, lived several miles across the Broad River in Fairfield County.

The following children of George are known to have owned land in Fairfield County, South Carolina: George, Jr.; James; Bennett; William; and Simon. Moses owned land in Union County, South Carolina.

2. George Ashford, b. about 1723, d. 31 July 1814 in Newberry Co., S. C, m. Mary _____ about 1743. Children:

3a. Ann Ashford, b. 6 Dec. 1744, m. _____ Kent
3b. Mary Ashford, b. 9 Aug. 1748, m. _____ Fag
3c. Michael Ashford, b. 24 Sept. 1750, d. 1823
3d. Constance Ashford, b. 3 March 1752, m. ____ Hogan
3e. Elizabeth Ashford, b. 10 May 1756, m. ____ Hutchinson
3f. George Ashford, Jr., b. 11 Feb. 1758, d. 25 April 1815, m. Jemima Rabb
3g. Sibbie Ashford, b. 1 Nov. 1759, m. ____ Shockley
3h. Moses Ashford, b. 25 June 1763, d. 1820, m. _____
Children:

4a. Mary Ashford, m. _____ Richards
4b. Anna Ashford, m. James A. Tucker
4c. George Ashford, never married, d. 9 April 1866 in Newberry Co., S. C.

3i. Sarah Ashford, b. 2 May 1765
3j. Jene Ashford, b. 19 Oct. 1768, m. _____ Morgan
3k. Redding Ashford, b. 18 Aug. 1771
3l. Leanna Ashford, b. 19 Feb. 1773, m. Josiah Gorree
3m. Micajah Ashford, b. 19 April 1775
3n. James Ashford, b. 14 Aug. 1777, m. Mary Rabb, d. 13 March 1833
3o. Bennett Ashford, b. 8 May 1780, m. Nancy ____, believed to be his second wife and possible not the mother of the following children.[11]

4a. Robert H. Ashford
4b. Nancy Ashford
4c. William D. Ashford

3p. William Ashford, b. 8 Nov. 1782, m. Charlotte Andrews; children:

10. Newberry County Wills, Vol. 2, Section G, p.3, Dept. of Archives, Columbia, S. C.
11. Auction Returns, 14 - 15 Nov. 1814, Newberry County Court House, Newberry, S. C.

4a. Mary Ashford, m. Henry Griffin
4b. George Ashford, never married
4c. Lizzie Ashford, m. Tom Miller
4d. Sara Ashford, m. John Griggs
4e. Liza Ashford, m. Abe Erwin
4f. Martha Ashford, m. Mike Erwin (brother of Abe)
4g. Carrie Ashford, m. Joe Sims
4h. James Young Ashford, m. Evelyn Jane Appleby
4i. Harriott Ashford, never married

3q. John Ashford, b. 1 April 1785 in S. C.
3r. Simon Ashford, b. 12 Oct. 1788 in S. C., m. Polly Goree. Children:

4a. John Bennett, b. 1820 in S. C., m. Elizabeth White 1860, probably in Grimes Co., Texas. He attended Univ. of Alabama 1842.
4b. George Franklin Ashford, b. 1822 in S. C., attended Univ. of Alabama 1842, m. Judith ____, & Sara Gresham, Perry Co., Ala. (It is not known if Judith or Sara is the mother of the following children:

5a. James L. Ashford
5b. M. L. Ashford

4c. James S. Ashford, b. 1826 in S. C.
4d. Susan Ashford, b. 1832, in S. C.
4e. Thomas C. Ashford, b. 1834 in S. C.

WILL OF GEORGE ASHFORD

"In the Name of God Amen I George Ashford of the State of South Carolina & the District of Newberry planter being very old and weak in body but of Sound mind and perfect Memory Thanks be to God, but Cauling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die Do Make and ordain this my Last will and Testament That is to Say Principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Sole into the hands of God who gave it to me, and then my Body I Recommend to the Earth Whare it Came from to be Buried in a Christian Like manner at the Discretion of my Executors heire in after named, and as Tuching such worldly goods as it has pleased God to Blefs me with in this Life I give and Bequith Devise and dispose of in following manner and form -- first I give and Bequith as a Lone unto my Dawter Sarah Ashford Dewring her natural Life ascertain negro girl that is a bout six years of age named Liddia with all the Labour and profits that may arise from s'd negro to hur the s'd Sarah Ishue if and Excepted and at the Deth of my Daughter Sarah afore named I give and bequith the a fore named negro girl with Hur Ishue if any to my well beloved son Simon Ashford Except the first Child if she Ever has any my will and desier is that my sun William Ashford Shall have it to Simon & William Ashford them their Heirs and assigns for Ever 2d my will and Desier is that at my Decese that my negro man named burrow Shall Bee free 3rd My will and Desier is that all my Just Debts be paid out of my Estate and that my Estate Rael and personal be appraised and Sold and the money or prophets arising from such appraisement & sail to be Equally Devided between my will be Lovid Children to wit my Dawters ann kent, Mary fag, Michael

Ashford my son, my Dawter Elisabeth Hutchison, my son george Ashford to my Dawter Sibbe Shockley one Doller, to my son moses ashford, to my Dawter Sarah with the above Lone Jene Morgan, Leanna gorree My sun Micajah ashford, James Ashford, and my son bennett william Simon ashford, further my will and desier is that my Dawter Constant Hogan, Shall Have an Equall shar of my Estate to be paid to hur by my Executers Here in after named at their Descretion as they may think she needs it yearly further more I do Constitute and appoint my sun george ashford and my sun Micajah ashford My Hole and Sole Executers of this my Last will and testament Disanulling all other wills or Instrument of writing what Ever. Rattifiing this and no other to be my Last will and testament In Witnefs Whare unto I Set my Hand and affix my artificial Seal this third day of october in the of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and ten

In the presents of

gene underwood George Ashford (SEAL)
s
Tho. H. Dawkins.

Lewis Hogg

Recorded in Will Book "C" Page 25

Proved September 14 - 1814

Recorded April 15 p̄ 1817

Samuel Lindsey Ordinary of Newberry District

Box. 1 Pkg. 1 Est. No. 3"

Heirs participating in the final returns of the George Ashford estate, made 25 March, 1816, and signed by Micajah Ashford, executor are as follows:

	£	S	£	
Nancy Kent	149	3	8	
Mary Hutcheson	149	3	8	(called Mary Fag in will)
Elizabeth Hutcheson	149	3	8	
Michael Ashford	149	3	8	
Conny Hogan	149	3	8	(called Constance in will)
Moses Ashford	149	3	8	
Janie Morgan	149	3	8	(called Jane in will)
Leannah Goree	149	3	8	(wife of Josiah Goree)
James Ashford	149	3	8	
Bennett Ashford	149	3	8	
Simon Ashford	149	3	8	
William Ashford	149	3	8	
Leven Ashford	149	3	8	(being legacy left his mother Sally Ashford)
Micajah Ashford	149	3	8	
George Ashford	149	3	8	

CHAPTER IV

JAMES ASHFORD
of
FAIRFIELD COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

3. James Ashford, 14th child of George Ashford, Sr., born 14 Aug. 1777, died 3 March 1833, m. Mary Rabb, daughter of Robert Rabb and Nancy (Woodward) Rabb of Fairfield County, S. C. She was born 15 Dec. 1780, d. 22 April 1847. James Ashford and his wife were buried in his family cemetery at Strother, S. C. To them were born seven children:

4a. Thomas Woodward Ashford, b. 24 May 1803, resident of Georgia when his mother's estate was settled at Winnsboro, S. C. 1747.
4b. John Rabb Ashford, b. 29 Jan. 1808, d. 7 April 1856. Note: See Section one, this chapter, for further details.
4c. Elizabeth Ashford, b. 12 Oct. 1810, d. 2 Nov. 1810, buried father's cemetery.
4d. Sarah D. Ashford, b. 19 Jan. 1812, m. _____ Smith, d. 11 Jan. 1835, no issue, buried in father's cemetery.
4e. Robert James Ashford, b. 23 Nov. 1814, d. 10 March 1853, buried in father's cemetery. Note: See section two, this chapter, for further details.
4f. George DeBelle Ashford, b. 15 July 1817, d. 30 June 1847, no record of marriage, buried in father's cemetery.
4g. James Redding Ashford, b. 17 Nov. 1820, d. 14 Nov. 1881. Note: See section three for further details.

From all indications James Ashford lived all his married life in Fairfield County, S. C. Records indicate that he made his first land purchase, 525 acres from the William Lyles estate, May 20, 1807. This purchase included one acre on south side of Broad River, which was the landing site of Lyles Ferry. [1] He owned and operated the ferry the remainder of his life. The old ferry crossing was near where the concrete bridge spans Broad River now on highway 34 at Strother, S. C. James Ashford made his second land purchase in Fairfield County, S. C., 107 acres, 2 Jan. 1815. [2] His third land purchase was made from Nicholas Ringer, 109 acres, in March 1823. [3] His fourth land purchase was from his brother Simon, 182 acres, Dec. 20, 1825. [4] James Ashford owned and operated a mill in the vicinity of his ferry. The James Ashford family cemetery is located beside the highway a short distance up the hill from where the old ferry landed. The cemetery is enclosed by a stone slab wall about four feet high.

1. Deed Book W., pages 6-7-8, Courthouse at Winnsboro, S. C.
2. Land patents, Sec. State's office, Vol. 59, Page 378, Columbia, S.C.
3. Deed Book H.H. No. 1, page 157, courthouse at Winnsboro, S. C.
4. Deed Book H.H. No. 1, page 155, courthouse at Winnsboro, S. C.

Deed record book AQ, page 639 at the courthouse in Winnsboro, South Carolina shows plats locating the James Ashford mill. Mills Atlas of South Carolina for 1820-25 shows the location of Ashford's ferry. The Atlas shows the location of the James Ashford ferry, and the ferry operated by Moses Ashford, his brother, about fifteen miles up the river.

Evidence indicates that John Rabb Ashford, being the oldest unmarried son at home when his father died, took charge of the property and operated it for the benefit of his mother and the family. Thomas Woodward Ashford and John Rabb Ashford were named as administrators of the James Ashford estate, but the records show that John administered the estate.

WILL OF

JAMES ASHFORD

THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF JAMES ASHFORD

In the name of God Amen.

I. James Ashford of the District of Fairfield & State of South Carolina, being in perfect health, but considering the certainty of Death, & the uncertainty of the time thereof, & being desirous to settle my worldly affairs & thereby the better prepared to leave this world, when it shall please God to call me hence, do Therefore publish this my last will and testament; in the manner & form following Viz.

1st It is my Will that my dearly beloved wife Mary Ashford should have dureing her whole life the use and benefit of Two Hundred Acres of Land where my houses are now Situate, to be run off so as to include the Houses and Ferry in the following manner, to begin at the River on my lower boundry line runing out to Emmersons Line, to a Stake corner, then along Emmersons Line to a litewoodnot corner on my old line then along it to a piece of new ground cleard by my Son Thomas Ashford. & his fence to be the Line as far as it continues or to my old line. thence to a Black Jack corner near the Ferry Road, thence to the Rocky bluff on the River where the upper fence of my ferry place now stands, & if that boundry should contain more than Two hundred Acres it is my wish that the over plus should be taken off the End up the road from the ferry, and also the use of my mill & all the profits made by it, and a tract of land of one Hundred Acres-known by the mill tract, and one hundred acres more that lies between the Ferry & mill tracts. on the River, to be laid of so as to mak the mill tract Two Hundred Acres, & all the profits arising from the Ferry, all the money that I may have

at my death and all that is due to me all the Stock, furniture and all other property that I may pofsefs, Except Such as Shall be otherwise disposed of hereafter in this will--I also give and bequeath to my Beloved Wife Mary Ashford to be disposed at her death as she pleases, Eleven Negro Slaves, namely, Isom, Milli peter, Mary, Dick, Stephen, Sisley, Jane - Isaac, Anny & Henry, I also give to my Son Thomas W. Ashford two negroes Dave & Amy. which negroes he now has in his pofsefsion, with their increase forever, and a tract of Land of about two hundred Acres for which I gave Simon Ashford Eight hundred Dollars and also about twenty acres of my old tract which he has now under fence--to him & his heirs forever------

I also Give to my Son John R. Ashford, two negroes Joe. &. Sarah to him and his Heirs forever with their future increase--I also Give to daugher Sarah D. Ashford two negroe girls Lindy. & Vilet. and there increase to hir & the Heirs of her Boddy forever----I also give to my son Robert I. Ashford. two negroes named Dan. & Amy & hir future increas forever-----

I also give my Son George D. Ashford two negroes named Jacob & Silvy with hir increas forever--

I also give to my son James R. Ashford two negroes namd Minor & Sillar & hir increase forever-------

& when my above named children Severally arrives at the age of twenty one years, or marryes it is my will that there Mother or my Executors herein after named to give to Each of them out of the general stock, one Horse Saddle & Bridle one Cow & Calf one Bed & furniture, and after the death of my wife it is my will that my son George D. Ashford should have the mill & Tract of Land of two hundred acres as mentioned above--and

that my Son James R Ashford Should have the ferry & two hundred acres of land as above directed to be laid of, the Ballance of the land that I am or may be pofsefsed of herein not disposed of. to be sold or xxx Equally divided between my three children. John Sarah & Robert, at the discretion of my Executors & thre Commifsioners to be chosen by them, & the three above named children to have value Equally divided among them, and it is my will that Each of my children should have Equal value in Lands or other property or money to make it so, on the valuation of my Executors & commifsioners so to be chosen, & I wish it to be clearly understood, & it is my wish that Each of my children should have Equal shares of all my Estate that may be left at my wifes death, and it is my will that if any of my children should die before they are twenty one years old or marries and not leaving any legal ishue, the ones part so dieing to be Equally divided among my Surviveing children or their Legal heirs. that is if any of my children should die leaving children for them to have the part the Father or mother would have been Entitled to and it is my Will that all the property herein willed to my Children should be kept to gather in the pofsefsion of my wife Mary Ashford for hir & their mutual benefit until they arrive at the age of twenty one years or marries--out of all which, it is my will that my wife Educates, Cloths, & takes the same care of the children that would bedone if I was with them and further I will that if Either of my youngest Sons James or George to whom I have willed my ferry & mill with the Lands attachd thereto, should die before they come of age or marry as above provided, then it is my will for my next youngest Surviveing son to take their divide of Lands & mak the other children Equal to them in money or other property--so that their two places be continued in pofsefsion of the

youngest Surviveing sons----and I do constitute my two Sons Thomas W. Ashford and John R. Ashford to be Executors to this my last will and Testament, in witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this First day of May, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & Twenty Eight, & in the year of the independence of the United States of America the fifty Second---------

Signed Sealed published & declared
by James Ashford the above named testator
as & for his last Will & Testament
in the presence of us, who at his request
in his presence, and in the presence of
Each other have subscribed our names as witnefses
thereto the day & date above mentioned

William Brown
Bennett Ashford
Eli Haugabook
Daniel Heltner
Robt Blakeley

Jas Ashford (SEAL)
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John R. Buchanan O.F.D.
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Section 1

JOHN RABB ASHFORD

4. John Rabb Ashford, 2nd son of James Ashford and Mary (Rabb) Ashford, b. 29 Jan. 1808 in Fairfield County, S. C., d. 7 April 1856 in Winston County, Mississippi, buried in Old Concord Cemetery, six miles east of Weir, Miss., in Choctaw County, Miss., m. Elizabeth D. Rabb, daughter of Charles Rabb and Mary V., (Harrison) Rabb 6 Jan 1835. She was born in Fairfield County, S. C., 4 Oct. 1814, d. 4 June 1852 in Fairfield County, S. C. Buried at the James Ashford family cemetery. John Rabb Ashford was a planter in Fairfield County, S. C., and also in Winston County, Mississippi. He owned many slaves and worked much land. He came to Mississippi and bought land in Winston County, but which now is a part of Choctaw County.

John Rabb Ashford and his wife, Elizabeth D. (Rabb) Ashford, had issue:

5a. Mary Ashford, b. 20 June 1836, d. 8 March 1837, buried in James Ashford family cemetery.
5b. John Bunyan Ashford, b. 15 Jan. 1838, d. 5 June 1838, buried in James Ashford family cemetery.
5c. James Polk Ashford, b. 12 June 1839, d. 14 Sept. 1916.
5d. Sarah V. Ashford, b. 19 May 1841, d. 1 Oct. 1841, buried in James Ashford family cemetery.
5e. Catherine Harrison Ashford, b. 15 Nov. 1844, d. 21 April 1917.
5f. Charlie Joseph Ashford, b. 19 Nov. 1847, d. 10 Feb. 1895.

Movement of the Ashfords from Fairfield County, South Carolina to Winston County, Mississippi in 1852-53: The late Mrs. Caroline Ellen (Turnipseed) Whitmire furnished much of the following information and verified many statements. She was ninety-three years old at the time she was visited, 16 February 1954. She had a most remarkable memory for her age, sat for two hours answering questions and offered many bits of information which would have taken years of research to uncover. She related several items exactly as the writer remembers hearing his grandfather, James Polk Ashford, relate them.

Who was Mrs. Whitmire, and why did she know so much about the Ashfords? Her mother, Martha Caroline Taylor, first married Robert James Ashford. Her aunt, Rachael Y. Taylor, married James Redding Ashford, Robert's brother. Her uncle, Andrew Jackson Taylor, married Catherine Harrison Ashford. Mrs. Whitmire's father, Jesse Turnipseed, was the foreman of slaves for James R. Ashford. Martha Caroline Taylor and Robert J. Ashford had a little daughter Eliza, "Ella", who grew up in the Turnipseed home with Mrs. Whitmire. These facts lead you to conclude that Mrs. Whitmire related the facts from personal knowledge.

John Rabb Ashford, his thirteen year old son, James Polk; James Redding Ashford and his thirteen year old brother-in-law, Andrew Jackson

Taylor, came from Fairfield County, South Carolina, to Winston County, Mississippi, in 1852. John R. bought 1280 acres of land on November 6, 1852, from J. J. Gage, administrator of the estate of J. J. J. Howard.[1] After purchasing the land, James R. Ashford was sent back to South Carolina to bring the Negro slaves.

After the slaves arrived, the first job was to build houses. Land clearing was the next order of business.

In 1853, James R. Ashford, young James Polk Ashford and Andrew Jackson Taylor returned to South Carolina and brought the families over. The two young men mentioned above had the chore of riding ahead of the caravan to select, and prepare the overnight camping site. It is believed that it required about five weeks to make the trip. John R. Ashford did not return to South Carolina.

Known to have been in the caravan coming to Mississippi, in 1853, were: James R. Ashford's family; Catherine and Charlie Ashford, children of John R. Ashford; Robert J. Ashford's widow and her little two year old daughter Eliza "Ella" and Harriet Sophia Taylor, sister of A. J. Taylor.

John R. and James R. Ashford's families lived together in the same house after they came to Mississippi until John R. died and his children married. Robert J. Ashford's widow and her little girl Eliza "Ella", Harriet Sophia Taylor and their brother Andrew J. Taylor, lived together - - that is, they lived together until Robert's widow married Jesse Turnipseed in 1856, then Andrew went to live with James R. Ashford.

John R. Ashford was not a well man when he came to Mississippi, this being the reason why he sent his younger brother, James R., back to South Carolina to do the moving. He never regained his health after coming to Mississippi, dying April 7, 1856, and was buried at old Concord Cemetery, in Choctaw County about six miles east of Weir, Mississippi, on the Thompson - Weir - Ackerman road.

In 1853, John R. Ashford purchased 80 acres of land from his brother-in-law, Jonathan Harrison Rabb.[2] During 1853, '54, and '55, he patented 240 acres of land from the government.[3] In 1853, James R. Ashford purchased 880 acres of land from J. H. Rabb.[4] In 1855, Martha Ashford, Robert's widow, purchased 240 acres of land from Stephen M. Steele.[5] When this land was bought it was in Winston County but is now a part of Choctaw County.

1. Deed Book M. Page 237, Courthouse, Louisville, Miss.
2. Deed Book M. Page 638, Courthouse, Louisville, Miss.
3. Government Patents recorded in Courthouse, Ackerman, Miss.
4. Deed Book M. Page 636, Courthouse, Louisville, Miss.
5. Deed Book O., Page 303, Courthouse, Louisville, Miss.

In 1856, John R. Ashford had a feeling that he could not live long, so he divided his land among his three children and named his brother James R. administrator of his estate.

John R. Ashford was very considerate of his slaves. He would not permit them to be abused in any way. He brought his slave foreman with him from South Carolina. The foreman agreed to come over to Mississippi provided John R. would bury him next to his grave when he died. The foreman died first, but next to John R.'s grave at old Concord may be found the foreman's grave unmarked except for large sandstone rocks. The slaves belonging to the Ashfords were Baptist.

Inscribed on John R. Ashford's tomb are these words, "Integrity and truth were the remarkable traits that characterized this worthy man." Also, "Mark the perfect men and behold the upright; for the end of man is peace." "Psalms 37th chapter, 37th verse." Mrs. Whitmire said her mother selected the Biblical quotation and authored the other statement on the tomb.

There has been some difference of opinion as to the correct middle name of John R. Ashford. Some say it was "Raiford". An old, old family Bible was found in the home of A. V. Ashford, near Bolton, Mississippi, which listed John R., his brothers and sisters, and three other Ashford families. This Bible listed his name as John Rabb Ashford.

The community where the Ashfords bought their land in Winston County, Mississippi (now Choctaw County) was known as Ashfordville. A store was operated there by James R. Ashford. Records in Washington, D. C., show that Ashfordville Post Office was organized April 25, 1865, and James R. Ashford was the first post-master.

James R. Ashford did not fight in the Civil War. He had so many slaves, and his potential for producing food and fiber was so great that he was ordered to stay home and produce food and cotton for the Confederate Army. He was required to turn over a certain percentage of what he produced to the Confederate Army.

Sherman's Army came by James R. Ashford's house but did not burn anything; they took what they wanted and moved on. (This was probably Grierson's Raiders).

It is reported that the Federal troops took about thirty bales of cotton from his place. It is believed he was paid for this cotton in 1868 and used this money to pay for 160 acres of land in Hinds County, Mississippi, which he purchased for $1120.00, August 26, 1869.

Robert James Ashford died in Fairfield County, South Carolina, in 1853, before the Ashfords left to come to Mississippi. He names his brother James R. guardian and administrator for that part of his estate which he left his little daughter Eliza "Ella". After the Civil War, when James R. Ashford decided to move to Hinds County, Mississippi, values had declined and he was not able to reimburse the heir of his brother's estate in full value for what it was worth when he took it over

but, having a very strong desire to do so, he insisted on, and did deed Eliza "Ella" Ashford the 1200 acres of land which he owned. "Ella" thought he was doing more than he should have done and stated, "he more than satisfied the debt." [1] "Ella" is referred to in all legal documents as Eliza. She married Energy Black and made her home on the 1200 acres of land deeded to her by her uncle. The place is known today as "the Energy Black place."

George W. Ashford, a son of George Ashford, Jr., and a double first cousin to John R. and James R. Ashford, came to Mississippi in 1856. He bought 320 acres of land in Winston County, Mississippi, from John W. Turner, on February 8, 1856. [2] It appears that he sold or permitted his land to go back to the man he purchased it from in 1858, and he moved to Hinds County, Mississippi, the same year.

Robert Ashford's wife, Martha Caroline (Taylor) Ashford, James Ashford's wife, Rachael Y. (Taylor) Ashford, Andrew Jackson Taylor who married Catherine Harrison Ashford, and Harriet Sophia Taylor who married George Turnipseed were sisters and brother. Martha Caroline Taylor Ashford's second marriage was to Jesse Turnipseed. They had seven children, one of whom was Caroline Ellen - the remarkable ninety-three year old person who verified and gave many of the above facts. She said, "one could not have detected that "Ella" was her half-sister because they were all reared and treated as if they were full sisters and brothers." James R. Ashford sent Eliza "Ella" Ashford to boarding school just as he did his own daughters.

Why did the Ashfords come to Mississippi and stop in Winston County? This question has been asked by many Ashford kinsmen.

Reasons:

1. Many people were moving west looking for cheaper and better land.
2. Many South Carolina people were settling in Winston County.
3. John R. Ashford had a brother-in-law, Jonathan H. Rabb, living in Winston County, who had been there since 1848 buying and selling land. Rabb moved back to South Carolina about 1859 or '60.
4. John R. Ashford had lost his wife and three children in South Carolina and he was in poor health.
5. Opportunities for getting ahead faster appeared to be greater in the new areas of the west.

1. Book S., Page 248, Courthouse, Louisville, Miss.
2. Deed Book O., Page 266, Courthouse, Louisville, Miss.

5. James Polk Ashford, 3rd child of John Rabb Ashford and Elizabeth D. (Rabb) Ashford, Fairfield County, South Carolina, June 12, 1839, died in Attala County, Mississippi, September 4, 1916, and is buried at Kosciusko, Mississippi. Married Sarah Young Knox, daughter of Captain David Ware Knox and Jane (Hanna) Knox, April 3, 1860. She was born December 6, 1838, in Pickens County, Alabama, and died August 20, 1895, and is buried at Kosciusko. They were married at the home of the bride's parents by Reverend T. A. Alexander. They were Presbyterians.

James Polk Ashford did not fight in the Civil War because he had one bad eye. He lived at the Knox home, four miles east of Kosciusko, and looked after the family and farmed while Captain D. W. Knox was away at war. He bought his farm nine miles southeast of Kosciusko about 1871,[1] where he reared his family and lived until about September, 1902, when he came to make his home with his son James Knox Ashford for the remainder of his life. He was a farmer. He worked in his son's store after he came to live with him.

James Polk Ashford came to Mississippi with his father in 1852, when he was about thirteen years of age. He was known as "Little Jim" to distinguish him from his uncle, James R. Ashford, with whom he made his home after the death of his father in 1856.

James Polk Ashford and his wife Sarah Y. (Knox) Ashford had issue:

6a. Elizabeth Jane Ashford, b. April 27, 1861, d. September 28, 1864. Buried at Kosciusko, Mississippi.
6b. James Knox Ashford, b. February 20, 1863.
6c. Jane Hanna Ashford, b. July 25, 1865.
6d. Margaret Catherine Ashford, b. August 18, 1868.
6e. John David Ashford, b. April 6, 1874.

6. James Knox Ashford, son of James Polk Ashford and Sarah Y. (Knox) Ashford, was born February 20, 1863, in Attala County, Mississippi, and died June 21, 1931, at Tutwiler, Mississippi. He is buried at Tutwiler. He married Callie Ophelia (Hughes), daughter of Madison Gasmore Hughes and Mary Jane (Presley) Hughes. She was born August 17, 1867, near Conway in Leake County, Mississippi. They were married at Conway, Mississippi, February 3, 1885. They were members of the Methodist Church.

James Knox Ashford was a farmer and a merchant. He bought his 320 acre home farm January 6, 1886. The farm was located eleven miles southeast of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in Attala County, and in the Beulah Church Community.[2] He operated a general store for many years in the Smyrna

1. Deed Book J., Page 63 and Deed Book V., Page 70, Courthouse, Kosciusko, Miss.
2. Deed Book BB, Page 563, Courthouse, Kosciusko, Miss.

Community, about two miles from his farm. All members of his family were born on this farm. He moved from there to Ethel, Mississippi, in 1910, where he operated a store and farmed for five years. In 1916, he moved his family to the Mississippi Delta, in Bolivar County, near Hushpuckena, where he farmed for two years. In the winter of 1917 he moved to Coahoma County, Mississippi, between Tutwiler and Rome, Mississippi, where he farmed for three years. In 1919, he built his home at Tutwiler, Miss., where his wife, daughter and one son now reside. At Tutwiler he farmed and operated a feed store, blacksmith shop, and grist mill, until his death in 1931. In the spring of 1929 he was stricken with paralysis. His son, Walter Knox Ashford, was drafted by the members of the family to come and take over the management of the property. He is still there, having been deeded the property by all members of the estate in later years.

James Knox Ashford and his wife, Callie O. (Hughes) Ashford, had issue:

7a. Dewitt Ashford, b. May 30, 1886.
7b. James Hughes Ashford, b. October 12, 1888.
7c. Florence Ashford, b. May 4, 1892, d. May 30, 1894, and is buried at Salem Church cemetery in Attala County.
7d. Walter Knox Ashford, b. July 14, 1895.
7e. George Lee Ashford, b. July 26, 1897, d. December 5, 1929, and is buried at Tutwiler, Mississippi. (He was an invalid and never married.
7f. Fred Young Ashford, b. August 26, 1899.
7g. Charlie Rabb Ashford, b. September 17, 1902.
7h. Iris Ophelia Ashford, b. August 16, 1906.

7. Dewitt Ashford, the oldest child of James Knox Ashford and his wife, Callie O. (Hughes) Ashford, was born May 30, 1886, in Attala County, Mississipps. He married Willie D. Chennault, daughter of William Henry Chennault and Frances T. (Davis) Chennault, January 16, 1910. She was born December 23, 1886, in Attala County.

Dewitt Ashford has been a farmer; operated a thriving transfer business and Pierce Oil Agency in McGehee, Arkansas, and was operating a successful restaurant in McGehee until he was stricken with paralysis in late 1953. They live in McGehee, Arkansas.

Dewitt Ashford and his wife, Willie D. (Chennault) Ashford, had issue:

8a. James Dewitt Ashford, b. October 8, 1910.

8. James Dewitt Ashford, the only child of Dewitt and his wife, Willie D. (Chennault) Ashford, was born October 8, 1910 in Attala County, Mississippi. He died March 21, 1954, and is buried at McGehee, Arkansas. He married Julia Janson, daughter of Charles Ferdinand Janson and Julia (Jones) Janson, July 22, 1934. She was born January 29, 1913.

James Dewitt Ashford's family had the misfortune of having him taken from them in the very prime of his life. He suffered a stroke of paralysis, a few months after his father had been stricken, and passed on in a few weeks. The writer had intimate knowledge of this wonderful young man for his entire life, and no group of words can be combined to adequately express how fine he knew this young man to be. He was a skilled mechanic. For many years he worked for the railroad. He was most active in Masonic work. He gave much of his time to working with the De Molay's. They served as honorary pall bearers at his funeral. He will long be remembered by the writer for his thoughtfulness to his parents and his wonderful young family. He was a Presbyterian.

James Dewitt Ashford and Julia (Janson) had issue:

9a. James Dewitt Ashford, Jr., b. April 28, 1937.
9b. Carl Raymond Ashford, b. December 31, 1939.
9c. Julia Ann Ashford, b. February 13, 1952.

All children were born at McGehee, Arkansas, where they now reside.

7. James Hughes Ashford, the second child of James Knox Ashford and Callie O. (Hughes) Ashford, was born October 12, 1888, in Attala County. He married Bonnie Poer, daughter of Dr. J. F. Poer and Bess (Laney) Poer, September 26, 1921. She was born January 7, 1898, in Bowie County, Texas.

James Hughes Ashford farmed in the hill section of Mississippi and in the Delta sections of Mississippi and Louisiana. He moved to El-Dorado, Arkansas, shortly after his marriage and lived there for about ten years, working as a clerk for a lumber company. During the depression, he and his family moved to East Texas where he farmed for two years. He then went into construction work which brought about his settling permanently in Monroe, Louisiana, where he and his family own their home at 3010 Lee Avenue. His hobby is his garden. They are Baptist.

James Hughes Ashford and Bonnie (Poer) Ashford had issue:

8a. James Franklin Ashford, b. July 31, 1922, at Tutwiler, Mississippi, d. March 11, 1924 and is buried at Union cemetery near Simms, Texas.
8b. Mary Ann Ashford, b. December 29, 1929, at ElDorado, Arkansas.

7. Walter Knox Ashford, third son of James Knox Ashford and Callie O. (Hughes) Ashford, was born July 14, 1895, in Attala County, Mississippi. He was first married to Mary Rose Rainey, daughter of Dr. Samuel Milton Rainey and Maggie (Tittle) Rainey, December 10, 1919. She was born November 29, 1889 in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, died April 21, 1949 at Tutwiler, Mississippi, and is buried at West Point, Mississippi.

Walter Knox Ashford is a farmer in the Mississippi Delta. He farmed in Oktibbeha County, before moving to the Delta. He operated a Gulf Service Station at West Point, Mississippi. Walter was graduated from the Oktibbeha County Agricultural High School. In 1917, he entered Mississippi State College, but was soon called into service in the first World War.

He spent his time in the Medical Corps at Camp Pike, Arkansas.

Walter is a very public spirited person; served as secretary of his school board for many years; the Masonic lodge in which he has been active for a long time; and of the Lions Club. He has served many years as a member of various county committees in the agricultural program, one being county compliance supervisor in the cotton program. He has been active in the Methodist Church, and is one of the first in the community to appear where there is serious sickness or a death in a family. He has been a source of much inspiration all his life, lending encouragement and solid assistance in many, many instances. Yes, he is a good fisherman too. No one was ever blessed with a better brother than he has been to the writer.

Walter Knox Ashford and his wife, Mary Rose Rainey, had issue:

8a. Margaret Rainey Ashford, b. March 13, 1923, in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi.

Walter Knox Ashford's second marriage was to Nannie Koonce, January 14, 1951, at Houston, Texas. She was born January 3, 1904 in Oktibbeha County. She is a daughter of George Marion Koonce and Sally (Rainey) Koonce. Nannie worked for many years for the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Mobile, Alabama, and Houston, Texas. They live at Tutwiler, Mississippi, and are members of the Methodist Church.

8. Margaret Rainey Ashford, daughter of Walter Knox Ashford and Mary Rose Rainey, was born March 13, 1923, in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. She married Taul Bradford White, Jr., son of Taul Bradford White, Sr., and Everette (McGuire) White, September 11, 1948. He was born November 3, 1912, in Rome, Georgia.

Margaret Rainey (Ashford) White was graduated from high school at Tutwiler, Mississippi, in 1940, graduated from Mississippi State College for Women at Columbus, Mississippi, in 1944, with a major in Social Science and a minor in Library Science. She taught one year at Indianola, Mississippi; went to Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, and received her Masters Degree in Library Science in 1946. She worked in the library in Memphis, Tennessee; transferred to Memphis State College library and worked there until she married.

Margaret Rainey Ashford and her husband, Taul Bradford White, Jr., had issue:

9a. Taul Bradford White, 3rd, b. December 10, 1949.
9b. Sam Ashford White, b. March 30, 1953.

Both boys were born in Memphis, Tennessee. They live at 1234 Robin Hood Lane, Memphis, Tennessee. They are Methodist.

7. Fred Young Ashford, fifth son of James Knox Ashford and his wife Callie O. (Hughes) Ashford, was born August 26, 1899, in Attala County, Mississippi. His first marriage was to Rose Kennedy. They had no issue.

Fred Young Ashford has been a farmer and a salesman. He farmed with his father in the Mississippi Delta. His father used to say, "Fred can get more work out of Negro labor and keep them in good spirit than anyone." Fred was born a salesman. He spent many years of his life as a salesman in Arkansas and Louisiana. He would probably still be on the road as a salesman if his health had not given away. You may have read the write-up in one of the agricultural papers a few years ago about his rabbit farm near Shreveport, Louisiana. He is living on his farm there now, but his activity has been considerably reduced because of a bad heart.

Fred Young Ashford's second marriage was to Cressie Lovett, daughter of Buford Bradford Lovett and Della (Oakes) Lovett. She was born August 3, 1911, at Atlanta, Louisiana. Issue:

8a. James Fred Ashford, b. November 10, 1947 at Shreveport, La.
8b. Georgiana Ashford, b. August 25, 1952, at Shreveport, La.

7. Charlie Rabb Ashford, youngest son of James Knox Ashford and his wife Callie O. (Hughes) Ashford, was born September 17, 1902, in Attala County, Mississippi. He married Nannie Smith, daughter of Luther Marvin Smith and Ada Penn (Pepper) Smith, October 23, 1930. They were married in the Presbyterian Church at Brookhaven, Mississippi, by Reverend H. V. Lofquist. She was born November 3, 1907, in Lincoln County, Mississippi.

Charlie Rabb Ashford attended Agricultural High School at Tunica and Moorhead, Mississippi where he graduated in 1921; attended Mississippi State College where he graduated with a B.S. degree in Vocational agriculture in 1927; taught Science and coached one year at Rome, Mississippi. He was employed by the Mississippi Extension Service, October 28, 1928, and has been with them until this date. He served as county agricultural agent in Lincoln County from December 11, 1928 to March 1, 1936; promoted to the state staff as Assistant Agricultural Engineer, served in this capacity for three years, and then was named leader of the project in Soil Conservation, which position he now holds. Since March, 1936, he has been a joint employee of the Extension Service and the Soil Conservation Service. He received his M. S. degree from Mississippi State College in 1949, with a major in economics and a minor in soils and crops. He became interested in working on the Ashford family history in December , 1953. Since that time he has done extensive research in the interest of the family history. He is a Mason.

Charlie Rabb Ashford and his wife, Nannie (Smith) Ashford, had issue:

8a. Patricia Ann Ashford, b. September 16, 1932.
8b. Sally Sandra Ashford, b. August 25, 1933.
8c. Charlie Rabb Ashford, Jr., b. December 19, 1934.
8d. James Knox Ashford, b. January 20, 1937.
8e. Walter Pepper Ashford, b. December 6, 1941.
8f. Hanna Susan Ashford, b. October 31, 1945.

The three oldest children were born in Brookhaven, Mississippi, and the others were born in Starkville, Mississippi. All members of this family are Presbyterians.

8. Patricia Ann Ashford, oldest child of C. R. Ashford, Sr. and Nannie Smith Ashford, was born September 16, 1932, in Brookhaven, Mississippi. She married Jesse Donovan Johnson, son of Floyd John Johnson, Sr. and Sarah Gladys (Smith) Johnson, July 6, 1952, at the Presbyterian Church in Starkville, Mississippi, Reverend R. F. Sloop officiating. He was born May 2, 1931, at Meridian, Mississippi. They are Presbyterian.

Patricia A. (Ashford) Johnson graduated from high school at Starkville, Mississippi; attended Mississippi State College for Women at Columbus, Mississippi, and Mississippi State College at State College, Mississippi from which institution she will receive her degree in elementary education, after completing four semester hours of work. She is presently employed by the Borden Food Products Company in Starkville, Mississippi, as a secretary. Her husband is now a student at Mississippi State College, after having served four years in the U. S. Navy. They were high school classmates.

Patricia Ann (Ashford) Johnson and her husband Jesse "Don" Johnson had issue:

9a. Patricia Ann Johnson, b. May 17, 1953, at Pensacola, Florida.

8. Charlie Rabb Ashford, Jr., oldest son of Charlie Rabb Ashford, Sr. and Nannie (Smith) Ashford, was born December 19, 1934, in Brookhaven, Mississippi. He married Deborah Hudson, daughter of Horace Spencer Hudson and Katherine (McCoy) Hudson, July 25, 1954, at the Methodist Church in Waynesboro, Mississippi. She was born July 31, 1935, in Waynesboro, Mississippi.

Charlie R. Ashford, Jr. graduated from high school at Starkville, Mississippi; served two years on active duty with the U. S. Naval Reserves and attended Mississippi State College. At the present time he is a student at Emory University, Georgia, majoring in history. Charlie's wonderful young wife graduated from M. S. C. W. at Columbus, Mississippi, in 1955, and is currently serving a year of internship at Emory University Hospital to qualify as a medical technologist.

7. Iris Ophelia Ashford, youngest child of James Knox Ashford and his wife Callie Ophelia (Hughes) Ashford, was born August 16, 1906, in Attala County, Mississippi. She graduated from high school at Tutwiler, Mississippi, in 1924. B. S. degree from Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in 1928, with a major in history and a split minor in English and science. She has taught school each year except one since 1928. She completed requirements at Delta State Teacher's College for teaching in elementary schools; has done graduate work at Memphis State, Mississippi State, Mississippi Southern and the University of Mississippi. She has followed a policy to taking advanced training in the institution which was offering the course that would help her most with her particular teaching problem. Iris is a Methodist

and a member of : Eastern Star, P. T. A., Womans Club, and Home Demonstration Club. Iris has devoted her life to the care of her aged mother and to the teaching of young people.

Iris "built the fire" under the writer to cause him to attempt this family study. She has helped in many, many ways to get the material together. The writer's enthusiasm may have slackened at times, but not her's. She furnished the spark which caused five of our kinsmen to circularize a large number of the kinsmen to raise a "love gift" to help bear some of the expense in making this study. If you are appreciative of the collecting, assembling and publishing of these facts about the Ashfords and related families, you owe Iris a big thanks.

6. Jane Hanna Ashford, daughter of James Polk and Sarah Y. (Knox) Ashford, was born July 25, 1865, in Attala County, Mississippi, and died February 27, 1901, in San Angelo, Texas, and buried at Kosciusko, Mississippi. She was first married to James Abner Fletcher, son of Captain L. D. Fletcher, who died April 28, 1890, in Attala County, Mississippi. They had no issue. Jane's second marriage was to Tom L. Clark, December 26, 1897. They had no issue. Jane was a Presbyterian.

6. Margaret Catherine Ashford, fourth child of James Polk Ashford and Sarah Y. (Knox) Ashford, was born August 18, 1868, in Attala County, Mississippi, died June 12, 1943, at Tunica, Mississippi, and was buried at Tunica. She married Albert Newton Love, Sr. son of David Love and Annastasia Eudoxy (Nash) Love, December 14, 1886, at Kosciusko, Mississippi. He was born October 16, 1861 in Attala County and died November 27, 1937, at Tunica, and was buried there.

Margaret Catherine (Ashford) Love and her husband moved from Attala County to Bolivar County, near Hushpuckena, Mississippi, in 1901, and farmed there until 1916. They bought a farm just outside the town of Tunica where they lived and farmed until their death. They were Methodist.

Margaret Catherine (Ashford) Love and her husband, Albert Newton Love, Sr. had issue:

7a. Lillian Anasatasia Love, b. October 28, 1887, d. September 10, 1938, never married.
7b. James David Love, b. March 9, 1889, d. May 18, 1927, never married.
7c. Albert Newton Love, Jr., b. October 28, 1890, d. June 27, 1929.
7d. Charles Harvey Love, b. January 12, 1892, d. June 22, 1913, never married.
7e. John Knox Love, b. December 25, 1893, d. September 21, 1905, never married.
7f. Samuel Lamar Love, b. April 5, 1895, d. March 6, 1920, never married.
7g. Sarah Mae Love, b. April 29, 1898, d. May 22, 1923, never married.
7h. Margaret Katherine Love, b. January 1, 1900.
7i. Bessie Jane Love, b. July 23, 1901, d. June 14, 1902.
7j. Bedford Forrest Love, b. March 9, 1905.

All except Bedford were born in Attala County. He was born in Bolivar County, Mississippi.

7. Albert Newton Love, Jr., the third child of Margaret Catherine Ashford Love and Albert Newton Love, was born October 28, 1890, in Attala County, Mississippi, died June 27, 1929, at Darling, Mississippi, and was buried at Kosciusko, Mississippi. He married Bessie Lee McAdams, daughter of J. T. McAdams and Minnie Lou (Gregory) McAdams, October 1, 1913. Albert was a successful planter in the Mississippi Delta.

Albert Newton Love, Jr. and his wife Bessie Lee (McAdams) Love had issue:

8a. Albert Newton Love, Third, b. September 9, 1914, d. September 18, 1914.
8b. Minnie Kay Love, b. November 14, 1915, at Kosciusko, Mississippi.
8c. William Newton Love, b. June 28, 1918, at Darling, Mississippi.
8d. J. T. Love, b. December 2, 1919, at Darling, Mississippi.
8e. Samuel Lamar Love, b. January 31, 1922, at Darling, Mississippi.

8. Minnie Kay Love, was first married to Earl Kersh, the second marriage was to A. C. Shurden, son of W. H. Shurden and Emma C. (McMannis) Shurden, October 16, 1941. They had issue:

9a. Lee Ann Shurden, b. August 1, 1951, at Jackson, Mississippi.

8. William Newton Love married Mildred Annell Brown, daughter of Millage L. Brown and Margaret (Boggan) Brown, February 3, 1945, at Jackson, Mississippi. They had issue:

9a. Phyllis Annell Love, b. October 22, 1948, at Osaka, Japan.
9b. Albert Nathaniel Love, b. November 17, 1950, at Belleville, Illinois.

They are Baptist.

Technical Sergeant William Newton Love, 20427786, 4th A.A.C.S. Squardron (Mobile), A.P.O. 942 Seattle, Washington. Sgt. Love is now serving with the U. S. Air Force overseas, stationed at Anchorage, Alaska. This is his fourteenth year of active duty. He saw action in World War II in North Africa and southern Europe, flying some eighty bombing missions with the 3rd Air Force. The Love family, for many generations back, has a rich history in military service.

8. Samuel Lamar Love married Carolyn Lula Cole, daughter of Frank Dorsey Cole and _____ Barne. She was born September 23, 1922, at D'Lo, Mississippi. They had issue:

9a. Diane Clarise Love, b. August 28, 1946, at Jackson, Mississippi.
9b. Judith Gayle Love, b. May 7, 1950, at Oxford, Mississippi.
9c. Cynthia Jean Love, b. July 7, 1952, at Mobile, Alabama.

Samuel Lamar Love is a pharmacist, and lives at 1164 Evangeline Street, Mobile, Alabama. He has lived at Gulfport, Oxford and Jackson in Mississippi; Daytona Beach, Florida; and Birmingham, Alabama. They are Baptist.

7. Margaret Katherine Love, daughter of Margaret Catherine (Ashford) Love and Albert Newton Love, Sr., was born January 1, 1900. She was first married to Frank Dowell Dooley, November 25, 1922. He is a son of Dr. Frank Marion Dooley and Hettie Booth (Cardwell) Dooley. They had issue:

8a. Dowell Love Dooley, b. November 25, 1923, at Tunica, Miss.
8b. Frank Marvin Dooley, b. March 16, 1925, at Tunica, Miss.
8c. Neal Albert Dooley, b. February 23, 1927, at Tunica, Miss.
8d. Margaret Christine Dooley, b. January 8, 1929, at Ferriday, La.

Margaret "Maggie K." was married, the second time, to James Marion Jenkins, April 10, 1945. He was born July 23, 1882, at Serepta, Mississippi. They have no issue. They live on their farm in Panola County, Mississippi. Address, Batesville, Mississippi. They are Methodist.

8. Frank Marvin Dooley married Janie Louise Garner, daughter of John Curtis Garner and Ivy Elizabeth (Thweatt) Garner. She was born September 2, 1927, at Water Valley, Mississippi. They had issue:

9a. Linda Carol Dooley, b. September 21, 1949, in Memphis, Tenn.
9b. Frank Daniel Dooley, b. February 9, 1953, at Frankfurt, Germany.

Frank Marvin Dooley volunteered in the U.S.M.C. on 11 May, 1942; served in the Pacific Theatre 3 December 1942.to 15 November, 1945; was discharged a Corporal on 10 May 1946.Campaignes: Southern Solomons (New Georgia), western Carolines (Peblier). Units: 3rd Marine Raider Bn. (Reinforced), 1st Base Depot; and 1st Marines Division (Reinforced). He took R.O.T.C. at the University of Mississippi, where he received his degree. He was called in service as Infantry officer 30 Oct. 1950, joining the 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, later transferring to 12th Infantry Regiment. Went to Germany in 1951 as part of 12th Infantry Regiment. Served in heavy Mortar Company, 12th Infantry, 4th Division, until December, 1953, when he returned to the United States. He was released on 15 December 1953, as 1st Lieutenant, Infantry. Ribbons: American Theatre, Asiatic Theatre, W/2 Star, Victory Ribbon, Occupation Ribbon and Korean Ribbon. Address, 7137, St. Augustine Street, Houston 21, Texas.

8. Neal Albert Dooley, married Anna LeOra Majors, daughter of Jasper Redman Majors and Alma LeOra (Scott) Majors, June 2, 1950, at Oxford, Mississippi. She was born January 21, 1930, at Laurel, Mississippi. They had issue:

9a. Michael Neal Dooley, b. March 5, 1951, at Helena, Arkansas.
9b. Patrick Noble Dooley, b. June 9, 1952, at Helena, Arkansas.

7. Bedford Forrest Love, youngest child of Margaret Catherine

(Ashford) Love and Albert Newton Love, Sr., was born March 9, 1905, at Hushpuckena, Mississippi. He married Ena Kate Brown, daughter of A. L. Brown and Judie Rebecca (Lowe) Brown. She was born July 1, 1917, at Kosciusko, Mississippi. They live on their farm at Tunica, Mississippi. Had issue:

8a. Betty Kate Love, b. January 8, 1939.
8b. Rebecca Ann Love, b. July 23, 1942.
8c. Carolyn Sue Love, b. July 30, 1943.
8d. Sandra Gay Love, b. June 23, 1946.
8e. David Forrest Love, b. September 16, 1949.

The children were all born at Tunica, Mississippi.

Mrs. Love has a son by a former marriage, Hal Glenn Alderson, born November 13, 1936, at Marks, Mississippi. He was the son of Henry Clifton Alderson.

6. John David Ashford, youngest son of James Polk and Sarah Y. (Knox) Ashford, was born April 6, 1874, in Attala County, Mississippi. He died January 6, 1952, while walking to church one Sunday morning, at Tutwiler, Mississippi. He is buried at Tutwiler. He married Mable Clair Chennault, daughter of John Riley Chennault and Laura (Collier) Chennault December 16, 1903. She was born October 5, 1880, in Attala County, Mississippi. She lives at Tutwiler, Mississippi, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John David Ashford was named for his grandfather Ashford and his grandfather Knox. He was a farmer in Attala County and in the Mississippi Delta. Uncle John, as he was affectionately known by the writer, lost his hearing early in life as a result of a severe illness. However, this didn't handicap him too much, for he became a master at reading lips. Occasionally, when talking with his brother James, he would miss a difficult word and his brother would use hand signs. It was always a pleasure to observe the two brothers together; they had great love for each other. Uncle John and aunt "May" will be remembered longest for the grand job they did of raising seven fine children.

John David Ashford and his wife, Mable Clair (Chennault) Ashford, had issue:

7a. Dannie Clay Ashford, b. November 19, 1904.
7b. Carlton Randolph Ashford, b. August 18, 1906.
7c. Hannah Ashford, b. February 28, 1908.
7d. David Worth Ashford, b. November 8, 1909.
7e. Henry Collier Ashford, b. March 21, 1912.
7f. Mary Kathleen Ashford, b. December 3, 1913.
7g. Laura Mable Ashford, b. May 22, 1920.

The first six children were born in Attala County, Mississippi. The seventh was born at Tutwiler, Mississippi.

7. Dannie Clay Ashford, oldest child of John David and Mable Clair (Chennault) Ashford, was born November 19, 1904, in Attala County. He married Fannie Emily Shelton, daughter of Thomas Moses Shelton and Fannie (Millsaps) Shelton, July 25, 1937, at Lambert, Mississippi. She was born May 10, 1912, at Lambert, Mississippi. They are Baptist.

Dannie Clay Ashford, after finishing high school at Tutwiler, Mississippi, in 1924, attended the University of Mississippi for two years. He left school in 1927 to work for the Gilmer Grocery Company chain store organization. In 1933, he went into partnership business with John S. Allen, Jr., in Lambert, Mississippi, where he and his wife have operated stores to this date. Dan served on the Board of Aldermen at the town of Lambert for three terms. He later served sixteen years as Justice of the Peace in District five of Quitman County, Mississippi. Dan is an ardent Baptist; has been a deacon and a Sunday School teacher for many years. He is very active as an adult leader in 4-H Club work. Dan has been active in the Masonic Fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star, having served these two bodies as Worshipful Master and Worthy Patron. He is a charter member and former president of the Lambert Lions Club.

Dannie Clay Ashford and his wife Fannie E. (Shelton) Ashford had issue:

8a. William Clay Ashford, b. June 27, 1950.

7. Carlton Randolph Ashford, second son of John David and Mable Clair (Chennault) Ashford, was born August 18, 1906, in Attala County. He married Valeria Morgan, daughter of Porter Douglas Morgan and Viola (Henderson) Morgan, October 31, 1934, at Grenada, Mississippi. She was born August 4, 1906.

Carlton served his apprenticeship in the grocery store business with the Kroger Company. On August 18, 1944, his birthday, he opened his own store in Cleveland, Mississippi. He has had a wonderful business and has been most successful. Recently, he opened a new and bigger store at Cleveland. Carl is an ardent Presbyterian, and a good church worker, as are his wife and daughter. Carl has a most wonderful personality, and a very great ability for remembering names and faces. He uses his personality every moment.

Carlton Randolph Ashford and his wife, Valeria (Morgan) Ashford, had issue:

8a. Mary Clair Ashford, b. June 14, 1942, at Cleveland, Miss.

7. Hannah Ashford, oldest daughter of John David and Mable Clair (Chennault) Ashford, was born February 28, 1908, in Attala County. She was first married to Alph Walton Young. They had issue:

8a. Shirley Lynn Young, b. April 9, 1935, at Grenada, Mississippi.

Hannah Ashford Young's second marriage was to Ernest Leroy Jenkins, son of John Calvin Jenkins and Ann Elizabeth (Vanlandingham) Jenkins, November 19, 1940, at Jonestown, Mississippi. He is Baptist and she is Presbyterian. They live at Clarksdale, Mississippi.

8. Shirley Lynn (Young) Jenkins, daughter of Hannah Ashford and Alph W. Young, was born April 9, 1935, at Grenada, Mississippi. She married Forrest Graham Cooper, Jr., son of Forrest Graham Cooper and Marguerite Chadwick (Park) Cooper, December 4, 1954, at Winona, Miss. He was born April 1, 1931 at Greenville, Mississippi. She is Presbyterian and he is Baptist. They had issue:

9a. Virginia Lynn Cooper, born October 26, 1955, at Indianola, Mississippi.

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7. David Worth Ashford, fourth child of John David Ashford and Mable C. (Chennault) Ashford, was born November 8, 1909, in Attala County, Mississippi. He married Hazel Irene Bell, daughter of James Milton (Mitt) Bell and Sallie Irene (Whelchel) Bell, March 27, 1932, at Grenada, Mississippi. She was born February 20, 1911, at Courtland, Mississippi. They are Methodist. Their home address is Grenada, Mississippi.

David Worth Ashford and his wife, Hazel (Bell) Ashford had issue:

8a. James David Ashford, b. December 17, 1937, at Vaiden, Miss.
8b. Thomas Richard Ashford, b. June 25, 1940, at Grenada, Miss.
8c. Barbara Jean Ashford, b. October 11, 1944, at Grenada, Miss.
8d. Linda Carolyn Ashford, b. August 11, 1947, at Grenada, Miss.

7. Henry Collier Ashford, youngest son of John David and Mable C. (Chennault) Ashford, was born March 21, 1912, in Attala County, Mississippi. He married Lillian Richardson, daughter of Pleas L. Richardson and Flora (Dodson) Richardson, April 10, 1942, in the First Christian Church at Clarksdale, Mississippi. She was born October 30, 1919, at Jackson, Tennessee.

Henry finished high school at Tutwiler, Mississippi, in 1932. He accepted employment in Livingston, Alabama, with the O & M stores, where he worked for two years. He worked for Sumter Farm and Stock Company at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for three years, leaving to work for the Kroger Company until March 1, 1940. At that time he joined the Clarksdale, Mississippi, Police Department and served until March 1, 1945. He became affiliated with the King and Anderson Company in 1945 and served six years as commissary manager, and since that time has been manager of their feed department for the hog and cattle ranch. Henry is a good worker in the First Christian Church at Clarksdale and has held the office of secretary for many years.

Henry Collier Ashford and his wife Lillian (Richardson) Ashford had issue:

8a. John Richardson Ashford, b. September 30, 1945, at Clarksdale, Mississippi.
8b. Andre L. Ashford, b. November 17, 1951, at Clarksdale, Miss.

7. Mary Kathleen Ashford, daughter of John David Ashford and Mable C. (Chennault) Ashford, was born December 3, 1913, in Attala County. She married David Henry Jennings, Jr., son of David Henry Jennings, Sr. and Hattie Lou Jennings, July 20, 1941, at Sumner, Mississippi. He was born July 20, 1910, at Tutwiler, Mississippi. He is a Baptist. She is Presbyterian.

Kathleen tells the writer that she wants to be known as a good housewife, and she has that reputation. She had an excellent example set for her by her mother. In addition to being an excellent housewife and mother, she finds time to do many other things. She is active in her church, served as president of the Woman's Club, and participates in all school P.T.A. activities. She is always in regular attendance at her Home Demonstration Club meetings. As if all the above wasn't enough, she serves as a substitute in the Post Office where she worked full time before her marriage. Yet, she says, "as a family we have never accomplished anything big. We live a quiet peaceful life with our children." Kathleen brightens the spot where she is.

Mary Kathleen (Ashford) Jennings and her husband David Henry Jennings had issue:

8a. Mary Ann Jennings, b. July 16, 1944.
8b. Davileen Jennings, b. July 12, 1945.
8c. David Henry Jennings, Jr., b. July 19, 1949.

All three children were born at Tutwiler, Mississippi.

7. Laura Mable Ashford, youngest child of John David Ashford and Mable C. (Chennault) Ashford, was born May 22, 1920, at Tutwiler, Miss. She married Hayward Kendall Callicutt, son of Will Lawrence Callicutt, Sr. and Emma (Swain) Callicutt, August 11, 1942, at Sumner, Mississippi. He was born March 23, 1913, at Cotton Plant, Miss. They are Baptist, and live at Tutwiler, Miss. Mable is an employee of the bank at Tutwiler. They have no children.

5. Catherine Harrison Ashford, daughter of John Rabb Ashford and Elizabeth D. (Rabb) Ashford, was born November 15, 1844, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She died April 21, 1917, in Choctaw County, Mississippi and is buried at Salem Methodist Church on Weir Charge in Choctaw County. She married Andrew Jackson Taylor, son of William Kirkland Taylor and Martha Christianna (Pearson) Taylor, September 11, 1860, in Winston County, Mississippi. He was born November 20, 1839, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He died in Choctaw County, Mississippi, January 8, 1894 and is buried at Salem.

Catherine came to Mississippi in 1853 with the other Ashfords from Fairfield County, South Carolina. She was about nine years old at that

time. She, her father and two brothers lived in the same house with the James R. Ashford family. After her father died, in 1856, she continued to live with her uncle, James R. Ashford, until she married. The writer used to hear his grandfather, James Polk Ashford, speak of the difficult trips he made in taking "Cattie" to boarding school. Every one seemed to think an awful lot of "Cattie". The writer's father used to speak often about his aunt "Cattie". She and her husband lived their lives out on part of the property the Ashfords bought when they settled in Winston County. The area where they settled became a part of Choctaw County, March 2, 1875.

A list of the property received by Catherine from her father's estate follows:

A LIST OF PROPERTY AS SET APART TO A. J. TAYLOR BY THE COMMISSIONERS TO ALLOCATE THE ESTATE OF JNO. ASHFORD (Deceased) Note: presumably this is the property John R. Ashford left to his daughter Catherine Ashford who married Andrew Jackson Taylor.

W½ of SE¼, E½ of SW¼, W½ of NW¼ and S½ of E½ of NW¼ Sec.5-T.15-R10		
W½ of SW¼ Sec. 29-16-10		
E¼ of SE¼ Sec. 30-16-10	Value	$1500.00
Negroes: Mason, value $1250.00; Butler, value $175.00; Peggy, value $300.00; Mary, value $1000.00; Sarah, value $700.00; Bill, value $600.00; and Hanna, value $800.00	Total	4825.00
Mules: Size $50.00; Beck $50.00; Beck $35.00; Connett $20.00	Total	155.00
Cattle: Eight (8) head @ $4.81 per head	Total	38.48
Hogs: Sixteen (16) head @ $4.50 per head	Total	56.00
One scithe		2.50
One pot--$4.00; Four pair gears $4.00		8.00
One lot of plows		20.00
One lot of new plows		4.00
1/3 of ½ of blacksmith tools		6.66
1/3 of new iron		3.33
Six (6) bushels of wheat		9.25
One bedstead $5.00; Bed and bedding $40.00		45.00
One yoke oxen		40.00
Lot of hoes and axes		6.00
	Total	$6719.22
Shop tools and wheat off		19.24
	Balance	$6699.98
Bedstead		5.00
	New Balance	$6704.98
Note: some item deducted which I can't make out --N. B.		6685.77
Two hundred one bushels corn (201)		201.45
Two hundred twenty six (226) cotton seed @ 5¢ per bu.		11.30
	Amount in full	6897.52
Equal portions of fodder		

Note: Above information taken from original list obtained from Mr. and Mrs. George H. Taylor, McCool, Mississippi, Route 2, February 12, 1954.

Catherine H. (Ashford) Taylor and her husband, Andrew Jackson Taylor, had issue:

6a. John William Taylor, b. October 20, 1861, d. July 20, 1896.
6b. Catherine Almeda Taylor, b. August 28, 1863.
6c. Andrew Phillip Taylor, b. July 19, 1866, d. June 14, 1884.
6d. Sarah Ashford Taylor, b. March 21, 1870.
6e. George Boyce Taylor, b. March 21, 1874.
6f. James Kirkland Taylor, b. October 2, 1877.
6g. Thomas Thaddius Taylor, b. July 28, 1882.

All were born at their home in Winston and Choctaw Counties, Mississippi.

6. Catherine Almeda Taylor, daughter of Catherine (Ashford) Taylor and Andrew Jackson Taylor, was born August 28, 1863, and died August 31, 1929, and is buried at Salem Church in Choctaw County. She married Marcus Scott Bowie, son of John Bowie and Elizabeth (Black) Bowie, March 10, 1895. He was born March 19, 1859, and died February 2, 1945 and is buried at Salem in Choctaw County.

Catherine A. (Taylor) Bowie and Marcus Scott Bowie had issue:

7a. John Andrew Bowie, b. July 28, 1896, at McCool, Mississippi, Attala County.

7. John Andrew Bowie, son of Catherine (Taylor) Bowie and Marcus Scott Bowie, was born July 28, 1896, in Attala County, Mississippi. He married Willie Victoria McClellan, daughter of Aaron D. McClellan and Margaret (Steen) McClellan, December 19, 1917, at McCool, Mississippi. They live on a farm near McCool, Mississippi. They had issue:

8a. Jonnie Mae Bowie, b. June 23, 1919, d. June 30, 1922.
8b. Andrew J. Bowie, b. July 6, 1923.
8c. William Scott Bowie, b. August 10, 1928.

All children were born at the home near McCool, Mississippi. They are Methodist.

8. Andrew J. Bowie, oldest son of John Andrew Bowie and Willie V. (McClellan) Bowie, was born July 6, 1923 in Attala County, near McCool, Mississippi. He married Ruby Grace Sanders, daughter of Henry Grady Sanders and Trudy (Ray) Sanders, March 12, 1948. Issue:

9a. Carolyn Sue Bowie, b. November 26, 1950 at Amory, Mississippi.
(Infant son born September 13, 1952, died September 14, 1952.)
9b. Betty Ann Bowie, b. December 24, 1953, at Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Andrew J. Bowie is a graduate of Mississippi State College with a B. S. degree in Agricultural Engineering, having been graduated in August, 1949. He is agricultural engineer with Commercial Soils Service at Clarksdale, Mississippi.

6. Sarah Ashford Taylor, daughter of Catherine (Ashford) Taylor and Andrew J. Taylor, was born March 21, 1870, and died July 9, 1896, and is buried at McCool, Mississippi. She married William Andrew (Bill Andy) Black. They had issue:

7a. Minnie Lee Black, b. November 14, 1888, in Choctaw County, Miss.
7b. Mamie Edith Black, b. May 20, 1892, in Choctaw County.

7. Minnie Lee Black, daughter of Sarah A. (Taylor) Black and William Andrew Black, was born November 14, 1888, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. On December 25, 1907, she was married to Reverend Harvey J. McCool, son of Berry A. McCool. He was born January 10, 1883, in Attala County, Mississippi. No issue.

Minnie Lee is one of the many kinsmen met for the first time after undertaking this study of the family history. The writer will long remember the first time he called on Minnie Lee. She was alone at her lovely old colonial home, near Gloster, Mississippi. She reluctantly came to the door. She probably had never heard of her visitor, and even after the introduction was made, she did not appear to be too sure of my explanation of our kinship. After we talked for awhile, she must have decided the writer knew too much about the family connections not to be some kin. Meeting and knowing this Baptist preacher's wife, our kinsman, is one of the most satisfactory experiences the writer has enjoyed. She has in her possession an old, old Bible given to her grandmother, Catherine Harrison (Ashford) Taylor, by Catherine's grandmother, Mary V. (Harrison) Rabb, wife of Charles Rabb, and daughter of Jonathan Harrison and his wife "Sally" Sarah V. (Tyler) Harrison.

7. Mamie Edith Black, daughter of Sarah Ashford (Taylor) Black and William Andrew Black, was born May 20, 1892, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. She married Patrick Henry Lee, Sr. who was born March, 1892, in Leake County, Mississippi. They had issue:

8a. Patrick Henry Lee, Jr., b. January 22, 1918, at Memphis, Tenn.

Met Mr. and Mrs. Lee at the Ashford family reunion held at Choctaw Lake, near Ackerman, Mississippi, May 15, 1955. There is a fine success story that should be recorded about this grand couple, but could not get the details before they left the reunion to return to their home at Tyler, Texas.

6. George Boyce Taylor, son of Catherine (Ashford) Taylor and Andrew Jackson Taylor, was born March 21, 1874, in Winston County, Mississippi, and died February 19, 1951, at VanCleave, Mississippi. He is buried at Noxapater, Mississippi. He married May Curtis, daughter of Benjamin Flowers Curtis and _____ _____. She was born February 12, 1880, and died at Cleveland, Mississippi, January 5, 1935. She is buried at Noxapater, Mississippi. They were Methodist.

George Boyce Taylor and May (Curtis) Taylor had issue:

7a. Vivian Boyce Taylor, b. September 9, 1908, at Noxapater, Mississippi.
7b. Andrew Curtis Taylor, b. January 7, 1910, at Noxapater, Mississippi.

7. Vivian Boyce Taylor, oldest son of George Boyce Taylor and May (Curtis) Taylor, was born September 9, 1908, at Noxapater, Mississippi. He married Annie Belle Arnold, daughter of Robert Love Arnold and Sally (Birchett) Arnold. She was born January 29, 1912, at Vicksburg, Mississippi. They are Methodist. They had issue:

8a. Annie Vivian Taylor, b. August 16, 1937, at Malvina in Bolivar County, Mississippi.
8b. Boyce Arnold Taylor, b. March 4, 1940, at Cleveland, Mississippi.
8c. George Robert Taylor, b. January 29, 1945, at Jackson, Mississippi.

Vivian Boyce Taylor has the Bachelors and Masters degree from college, has been a school teacher for a long time, and has served as superintendent of several school. He lives on his farm, a very lovely place, in Jackson County, Mississippi, teaches at Keesler Air Force Base, near Biloxi, Mississippi, and has for several years. Prior to that time he was a school superintendent at VanCleave, Mississippi. His address is Ocean Springs, Mississippi, R. F. D.

7. Andrew Curtis Taylor, son of George Boyce Taylor and May (Curtis) Taylor, was born January 7, 1910, at Noxapater, Mississippi. He died August 10, 1952, at Cleveland, Mississippi, and is buried at Noxapater. He married Mable Wood, daughter of Travis Lee Wood and Lillian (Erwin) Wood. She was born October 3, 1909. They had issue:

8a. Leland Curtis Taylor, Sr., b. July 23, 1930, at Cleveland, Miss.

Leland Curtis Taylor, Sr. married Alice May Alexander, September 7, 1952, and had issue:

9a. Leland Curtis Taylor, Jr., b. December 6, 1953.

8b. Mary Helen Taylor, b. January 26, 1933, d. August 16, 1951. Mary Helen Taylor married Kenneth Warren Harper, August 11, 1950, and had issue:

10a. Son, born June 6, 1951.

6. James Kirkland Taylor, son of Catherine (Ashford) Taylor and Andrew J. Taylor, was born October 2, 1877, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. He died January 28, 1951, and is buried at Salem Methodist Church, on Wier Charge, in Choctaw County. He married Mary Isabella Hoffman, daughter of Daniel Alexander Hoffman and Isabella Kennedy (McKinley) Hoffman, March 7, 1909. She was born August 10, 1874, and died August 19, 1954. She is buried beside her husband. They were members of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Choctaw County.

James Kirkland Taylor, probably, was more interested in the Ashford and Taylor family history than any of our kinsmen. He resided on his father's old home place throughout his entire life. He preserved many old letters that were passed between our kinsmen in the generations gone by. They have been a wonderful help in making this study. In 1938, he made a trip to South Carolina, accompanied by his son Vaughn and his cousin Robert Joseph Black, and found the old James Ashford family cemetery and had it cleaned off. He served two terms as supervisor in his beat. During this time he worked up a W. P. A. Project and had Old Concord Cemetery, where his grandfather John Rabb Ashford is buried, cleaned off. Many, many people have told this writer what an honest, christian man Kirkland Taylor was.

James Kirkland Taylor and his wife, Mary I. (Hoffman) Taylor, had issue:

7a. George Hoffman Taylor, b. July 21, 1910.
7b. John James Taylor, b. July 12, 1912.
7c. Andrew Vaughn Taylor, b. September 24, 1914.

All three children were born in Choctaw County, Mississippi.

7. George Hoffman Taylor, Sr., oldest son of James Kirkland Taylor and Mary I. (Hoffman) Taylor, was born July 21, 1910, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. He married Ruby Elizabeth Turnipseed, daughter of Marvin Earl Turnipseed and Nora Mae (Thompson) Turnipseed, December 23, 1937. She was born November 20, 1911, in Choctaw County. They are Presbyterians.

George and Ruby Taylor wrote the letter which aroused the writer's curiosity, and ignited the spark, to cause him to become interested in making a study of the family history. When you meet George and Ruby Taylor, and their four fine young sons, you will say, here are our "kind of people". When you go into their comfortable rural home, you immediately feel at home. This couple furnished lots of facts which are being recorded in this study. They live in the old A. J. Taylor, Kirkland Taylor home, which was a part of the original land acquired by the Ashfords and Taylors when they settled in Mississippi in 1852. They live about five miles east of Weir, Mississippi, on McCool, Misssissippi, Route 2.

George and Ruby took the writer for the first time to see John Rabb Ashford's grave at Old Concord. We found his headstone broken, and the old cemetery in the woods is badly neglected. We resolved to do something about that headstone and the cemetery. The stone has been reset and the cemetery has been cleaned off twice, and a wire fence put around it. One receives many rewards from studying family history. Meeting and knowing this fine family is one of the BIG rewards.

George Hoffman Taylor and Ruby E. (Turnipseed) Taylor had issue:

8a. George Hoffman Taylor, Jr., b. August 31, 1939.
8b. James Marvin Taylor, b. May 31, 1942.
8c. Johnnie Truman Taylor, b. August 20, 1943.
8d. William Kenneth Taylor, b. February 11, 1950.

All children were born in Choctaw County, Mississippi.

7. John James Taylor, second son of James Kirkland Taylor and Mary (Hoffman) Taylor, was born July 12, 1912, in Choctaw County. He married Zacel Pickle, daughter of Jim B. Pickle and Lillie (Mabrey) Pickle, February 29, 1944. She was born June 1, 1918, at Philadelphia, Mississippi. They have no issue. John works for Mississippi Road Supply in Jackson, Mississippi. Their address is Post Office Box 1491, Jackson, Mississippi. They are Presbyterian.

John James Taylor entered the U. S. Army, September 7, 1943, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, finished basic training at Ford Leonard Wood, Missouri, and went to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland to diesel mechanic school for four weeks. He was sent to England, April 5, 1944, and to France D Day plus six with the 238th Combat Engineers. He saw action in six battle campaigns, fought within sixty-seven miles of Berlin, Germany. He left South Hampton, England, December 26, 1945, arrived in New York January 5, 1946, and was discharged from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, January 12, 1946.

7. Andrew Vaughn Taylor, son of James Kirkland Taylor and Mary (Hoffman) Taylor, was born September 24, 1914, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. He married Janie Dale Hutchison, daughter of William Ira Hutchison and Bertha Estill (Thompson) Hutchison, January 13, 1940. She was born July 11, 1920, at Weir, Mississippi. They had issue:

8a. Carolyn Dianne Taylor, b. September 3, 1943, at Kosciusko, Miss.
8b. Dennis Vaughn Taylor, b. October 20, 1953, at Kosciusko. He was the youngest boy at the Ashford family reunion in 1955.

Andrew V. Taylor is a machinist, and is employed by Taylor Machine Works at Louisville, Mississippi. His address is 410 North Court, Louisville, Mississippi. They are Presbyterian.

6. Thomas Thaddius Taylor, youngest son of Catherine (Ashford) Taylor and Andrew J. Taylor, was born July 28, 1882, in Choctaw County, and died May 4, 1938. He is buried at Murphey's Creek Church Cemetery in Winston County. He married Nobil Stewart, daughter of William Clinton Stewart and Hattie M. (Morton) Stewart. She was born April 22, 1886, in Winston County. He was a farmer and a Methodist.

5. Charlie Joseph Ashford, youngest son of John Rabb Ashford and Elizabeth D. (Rabb) Ashford, was born November 10, 1847, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He died February 10, 1895, in Yalobusha County, Mississippi, and is buried at Palestine Cemetery near Water Valley, Mississippi. He married Martha Assele Self, daughter of Starling Self and Amanda (Clements) Self. She was born August 21, 1843, near McCool, Mississippi. She died October 30, 1929, in Yalobusha County and is buried at Palestine Cemetery.

Charlie Joseph Ashford came to Mississippi in 1853, when the Ashford families moved from Fairfield County, South Carolina. He was about six years old when he came to Mississippi. He, his father, brother James

Polk, and sister Catherine lived together in the same house with his uncle James R. Ashford and his family. His mother died in South Carolina, when he was four years old. Charlie continued to make his home with his uncle, "Big Jim", James R. Ashford, after his father died in 1856. Records, at the courthouse, in Louisville, Mississippi, seem to indicate that Charlie received a larger share of the land, his father left, than did his brother and sister. He sold his land in Winston County, Mississippi, and moved away. It is not exactly known where he moved to, but is known he lived in Calhoun County, Mississippi and in Yalobusha County where he died. He was a farmer.

The following is a certified statement of Charlie Joseph Ashford's Confederate Military service obtained from the Director, Department of Archives and History in Jackson, Mississippi.

"STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF HINDS

CITY OF JACKSON

This is to certify that the Official Confederate Military Records on file in the Department of Archives and History show that Charles Ashford was a member of the Fifth Regiment of Mississippi Infantry, C S A; and that he served as a Private in Company D of this Regiment."

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE.

(Signed) Charlotte Capers, Director

Charlie Joseph Ashford and his wife, Martha Assele (Self) Ashford had issue:

6a. James Silas Ashford, b. May 16, 1874.
6b. Walter Ashford, dates of birth and death for Walter not known. He was killed by lightning during a ball game in Bowie County, Sand Hill, Texas. He was killed when a young man, and was never married.)
6c. Charles Young Ashford, b. September 13, 1877.
6d. Jesse Roane Ashford, b. February 26, 1881.
6e. Tom Calhoun Ashford, b. May 13, 1882.
6f. Katherine Lee Ashford, b. November 11, 1888.

6. James Silas Ashford, oldest son of Charlie Joseph Ashford and Martha (Self) Ashford, was born May 16, 1874, in Calhoun County, Mississippi, assassinated December 12, 1933, at Carbondale, Texas, buried there in Old Union Cemetery. He married Kate Carter, daughter of James A. Carter and Mandly (Odell) Carter. She was born January 28, 1872, at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

James S. Ashford went from Water Valley, Mississippi, to Bowie County, Texas, when he was about nineteen years old. He found himself a good wife, and, as the story was told, they literally carved themselves an empire from the wilds in Bowie County, Texas. We have not learned how many thousands of acres of land he really owned. He was a farmer and a rancher, and was considered a progressive person. "Miss Kate", at 84, lives alone in the old family home, a tiny, independent, and inspiring body.

James Silas Ashford and his wife, Kate (Carter) Ashford, had issue:

7a. John Ed Ashford, b. September 7, 1894.
7b. Lillian Leota Ashford, b. February 10, 1896.
7c. Hugh Elmo Ashford, b. February 16, 1900.
7d. Neoma Ashford, b. September 24, 1902, in Bowie County, Texas, and d. February 2, 1904.
7e. Opal Ashford, b. November 20, 1905, in Bowie County, Texas, and d. September 12, 1908.
7f. Harvey Ashford, b. November 2, 1908.

7. John Ed Ashford, oldest son of James Silas Ashford and Kate (Carter) Ashford, was born September 7, 1894, in College Hill community, Bowie County, Texas. He died April 12, 1954, at Monroe, Louisiana, while on a visit to see his cousin James Hughes Ashford. He is buried at Old Union Cemetery in Bowie County, Texas. He married Idyl Louise Ray, daughter of Henry Ray and Louisa Carolina (Helms) Ray, November 8, 1916, at Texarkana, Texas. She was born October 26, 1894, at Maud, Texas. She is Methodist, as was John Ed.

John Ed Ashford was a prominent Bowie County rancher, farmer and landowner. After his father's death, he managed the Ashford estate, composed of several thousand acres of farming and grazing land in Bowie County. He developed a fine herd of Hereford cattle. He played an important part in the political history of his county, being a very influential member of the Democratic party. Most of his life was spent in the village of Carbondale, Texas, which is a part of the Ashford estate in Bowie County.

John Ed and Idyle (Ray) Ashford had issue:

8a. Robert Mann Ashford, b. January 13, 1919.
8b. Hugh Ray Ashford, b. April 21, 1921.

Both were born in Bowie County, Texas.

8. Robert Mann "Bob" Ashford, son of John Ed and Idyl (Ray) Ashford, was born January 13, 1919, at New Boston, in Bowie County, Texas. He married Elisabeth Floyd "Betty" Davis, daughter of Charles Gardner Davis, Jr. and Elizabeth (Floyd) Davis, November 16, 1939, at Louisville, Arkansas. She was born December 22, 1921, at Texarkana, Texas. He is a Methodist and she is an Episcopalian.

Robert Mann Ashford was graduated from James Bowie High School at Simms, Texas, in 1937, and attended Texarkana, Texas Junior College, and East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce, Texas. He is employed by the Texas Employment Commission at Texarkana, Texas. His residence is Maud, Texas.

Robert and his wife, "Betty" (Davis) Ashford, had issue:

9a. John Robert Ashford, b. October 12, 1940.
9b. Harvey Michael Hugh Ashford, b. March 5, 1944.
9c. Amanda Jane Ashford, b. July 28, 1946.

All children were born at Texarkana, Texas.

8. Hugh Ray Ashford, Sr., son of John Ed and Idyl (Ray) Ashford, was born April 21, 1921, at Carbondale in Bowie County, Texas. He married Sarah Ann Symonds, daughter of Harold William Symonds and Marguerite Elizabeth (McClerkin) Symonds, November 9, 1941, at Texarkana, Texas. She was born May 1, 1923 at Texarkana, Texas.

Hugh Ray Ashford was graduated from Maud High School, Maud, Texas, in 1940, served in the U. S. Army Air Force from 1942 to 1945 as a Staff Sgt., and saw duty as a gunner in European Theatre of war. He is employed at Gifford Hill Sand and Gravel Company, Texarkana, Texas, and resides in Maud, Texas.

Hugh Ray Ashford and his wife, Sarah (Symonds) Ashford had issue:

9a. Elizabeth Ann Ashford, b. July 23, 1946.
9b. Hugh Ray Ashford, Jr., b. September 19, 1948.

Both children were born at Texarkana, Texas.

7. Lillian Leota Ashford, daughter of James Silas Ashford and Kate (Carter) Ashford, was born February 10, 1896, in Bowie County, Texas. She married Oscar F. Waller, December 24, 1919, at Texarkana, Texas. He was born July 31, 1892, in North Carolina. They had issue:

8a. Dorothy Lee Waller, b. August 30, 1920.
8b. Frankie Marie Waller, b. October 12, 1922, at Texarkana, Texas.

They reside at 1967 Peabody Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

8. Dorothy Lee Waller, daughter of Lillian Leota (Ashford) Waller and Oscar F. Waller, was born August 30, 1920, at Texarkana, Texas. She

married Russell N. Gowdy, November 19, 1944, at Memphis, Tennessee. He was born November 22, 1920, in Pennsylvania. They had issue:

9a. Gloria Lee Gowdy, b. October 31, 1945, at Memphis, Tennessee.
9b. Steven Waller Gowdy, b. February 16, 1953, at St. Louis, Mo.

7. Hugh Elmo Ashford, son of James Silas Ashford and Kate (Carter) Ashford, was born February 16, 1900, in Bowie County, Texas. He married Thelma Jewell Bridges, daughter of Vasco Bridges and Molly (Ables) Bridges, December 8, 1921. She was born 1904, at Kirbyville, Texas, and died January 2, 1954, at Texarkana, Texas. She is buried at Old Union Cemetery in Bowie County, Texas. They had issue:

8a. J. Rone Ashford, b. and d. August 20, 1929, at Carbondale, Texas.

Last report, Hugh was employed by the Texas Game and Fish Commission. His residence is Maud, Texas, Route 1.

7. Harvey Ashford, son of James Silas Ashford and his wife, Kate (Carter) Ashford, was born November 2, 1908, at Carbondale, Texas. He married Marion Lowery, daughter of Tom Lowery and Elizabeth (McCarthy) Lowery, December 17, 1937. She was born April 23, 1910, at Texarkana, Texas. They are members of St. James Episcopal Church at Texarkana, Texas. Their address is Maud, Texas, Box 398.

It is felt that much, much more needs to be said about the accomplishments of James Silas Ashford and his descendants. There is no doubt about their having had an important part in the development of east Texas.

6. Charles Young Ashford, son of Charlie Joseph Ashford and his wife, Martha Assele (Self) Ashford, was born September 13, 1877, in Calhoun County, Mississippi, and died June 26, 1948 at Ethel, Mississippi, is buried at Palestine Cemetery, near Water Valley, Mississippi. He was first married to Minnie May Barber, daughter of Joseph Barber and Sally (Jackson) Barber, February 2, 1902, at Water Valley, Mississippi. She was born June 24, 1885, at Water Valley, Mississippi, died February 17, 1937, at their old home place, one mile east of Palestine Cemetery in Yalobusha County, Mississippi, and is buried at Palestine Cemetery. He was a member of the Church of Nazarene and she was Methodist.

Charles Young Ashford was a merchant and farmer in Yalobusha County, Mississippi. The first knowledge of Charles was when he began marketing his fine "Water Valley" watermelons in our home town of Tutwiler, Mississippi. He spent much of his life serving as an evangelist for the Church of the Nazarene.

Charles Young Ashford and his wife, Minnie May (Barber) Ashford had issue:

7a. Paul Clanton Ashford, b. November 1, 1904.

7b. Jewell Barber Ashford, b. November 10, 1906, d. November 11, 1906.
7c. Mary Hellon Ashford, b. May 27, 1909.
7d. Charles Joseph Ashford, b. February 27, 1911.
7e. Nell Estell Ashford, b. July 31, 1913.
7f. Tommie Robert Ashford, b. July 19, 1916.
7g. Katie Mae Ashford, b. November 19, 1919, d. June 6, 1921.
7h. Minnie Lou Ashford, b. September 10, 1922.
7i. James Lewis Ashford, b. September 4, 1924, d. March 25, 1926.
7j. John Henry Ashford, b. March 8, 1926.

All children were born at Water Valley, Mississippi.

Charles Young Ashford married, second, Martha Hill. They had issue:

7a. Evelyn Ashford, b. 1941, at Water Valley, Mississippi.
7b. Vivian Ashford, b. 1943, at Water Valley, Mississippi.

7. Paul Clanton Ashford, oldest son of Charles Young Ashford and Minnie May (Barber) Ashford, was born November 1, 1904, at Water Valley, Mississippi, died August 20, 1941, at Belzoni, Mississippi, and is buried Palestine Cemetery in Yalobusha County, Mississippi. He married Daisy Mae Crews daughter of Peter Crews and Molley _____ Crews, January 7, 1924, at Memphis, Tennessee. She was born October 5, 1907, at Water Valley, Mississippi. They were farming in Humphreys County, Mississippi, near Belzoni, when he died.

Paul Clanton Ashford and his wife, Daisy Mae (Crews) Ashford had issue:

8a. C. J. Ashford, b. October 29, 1924, at Water Valley, Mississippi, m. Becky Davis, July 3, 1945.
8b. Horace Ashford, b. November 27, 1925, at Clarksdale, Mississippi, m. Clara Sue Mitchell, September 17, 1949.
8c. Herman Ashford, b. November 17, 1929, at Water Valley, Mississippi, m. Patricia Champion, August 17, 1949.
8d. Frances Ashford, b. August 9, 1931, at Water Valley, Mississippi, m. James Inman, June 1, 1952.
8e. Eugene Ashford, b. May 27, 1935, at Water Valley, Mississippi, m. Elsie Millwood, June 5, 1954.
8f. Delpha Ashford, b. June 13, 1937, at Belzoni, Mississippi.

7. Mary Hellon Ashford, daughter of Charles Young Ashford and Minnie (Barber) Ashford, was born May 27, 1909, at Water Valley, Mississippi. She married William Ray Gean, Sr., son of Walter Diggs Gean and Roxie Ann (Pears) Gean, September 11, 1926, in the Methodist Church, Water Valley, Mississippi. He was born November 3, 1906 at Lafayette Springs, Mississippi. They are Methodist, and reside in Water Valley, Mississippi.

Mary Hellon (Ashford) Gean and William Ray Gean, Sr., had issue:

8a. William Ray Gean, Jr., b. June 19, 1927.
8b. Dorothy Fay Gean, b. October 9, 1928.
8c. Charles Russell Gean, b. September 29, 1930, d. September 15, 1950 (killed in automobile accident), buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Water Valley, Mississippi.
8d. Martha Ann Gean, b. September 19, 1932.
8e. James Edwin Gean, b. August 16, 1935.
8f. Larry Thomas Gean, b. February 8, 1945.

All children were born at Water Valley, Mississippi.

8. William Ray Gean, Jr., son of Mary Hellon (Ashford) Gean and William Ray Gean, Sr., was born June 19, 1927. He married Bessie Margaret Cain, daughter of Doyle L. Cain and Sallie (Potts) Cain, November 28, 1946, at North Main Methodist Church, Water Valley, Mississippi. She was born May 4, 1928, at Water Valley, Mississippi. They are Methodist.

William Ray Gean, Jr., was with the First Marines in China in World War II. Occupation - Electrical Maintenance for Whitehaven Hardware Company, Memphis, Tennessee. They own their home at 2972 South Wall, Memphis, Tennessee, where they have lived for six years.

William Ray Gean, Jr. and his wife, Bessie M. (Cain) Gean had issue:

9a. Pamela Ann Gean, b. April 8, 1948, at Water Valley, Mississippi.
9b. Gary Lynn Gean, b. May 23, 1950, at Water Valley, Mississippi.
9c. Paula Kay Gean, b. December 14, 1952, at Water Valley, Miss.

8. Dorthy Fay Gean, daughter of Mary Hellon (Ashford) Gean and William Ray Gean, Sr., was born October 9, 1928. She married Leonard Butts, son of Claude Butts and Nora (Sanders) Butts, September 1, 1945. He was born September 15, 1927, at Oxford, Mississippi. They are Baptist. Address, 2302 Warren Road, Memphis, Tennessee.

They had issue:

9a. Richard Lynn Butts, b. December 6, 1947, at Water Valley, Miss.
9b. Danna Gean Butts, b. November 29, 1950, at Water Valley, Miss.

8. Martha Ann Gean, daughter of Mary Hellon (Ashford) Gean and William Ray Gean, Sr., was born September 19, 1932, at Water Valley, Mississippi. She married James Wallace Pugh, son of Dewitt Talmadge Pugh and Cullie Mae (Smith) Pugh, December 28, 1950, at Water Valley, Mississippi. He was born December 1, 1925, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Martha and James are Baptist. James is a mechanic. They have lived in Garden City, Michigan. Their present address is 33814, Casco Ct., Wayne, Michigan.

Martha and James Pugh had issue:

9a. Perry Temple Pugh, b. January 8, 1952, at Garden City, Mich.
9b. Regina Ann Pugh, b. September 14, 1953, at Garden City, Mich.

8. James Edwin Gean, son of Mary Hellon (Ashford) Gean and William Ray Gean, Sr., was born August 16, 1935, at Water Valley, Mississippi. He married Joan McCormick, daughter of James Lloyd McCormick and Lillie Mae (Cox) McCormick, June 19, 1954.

7. Charles Joseph Ashford, son of Charlie Young Ashford and his wife, Minnie May (Barber) Ashford, was born February 27, 1911, at Water Valley, Mississippi. He died April 3, 1953, at Coffeeville, Mississippi, and is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Water Valley, Mississippi. He married Willa Brewer, daughter of E. C. Brewer and Lilly Pearl (Craig) Brewer, January 6, 1946. She was born January 23, 1919, at Raymond, Mississippi. He was Baptist and she is a member of the Church of Christ.

Charles J. Ashford enlisted in the Navy September 19, 1942, and was discharged December 17, 1945. He lived in Placerville, California, from January, 1945, to October, 1948; Water Valley in 1949; Coffeeville in 1950; and then bought a farm in Yalobusha County, Mississippi, and established permanent residence. Charles J. came to an untimely death in an automobile accident.

Charles Joseph Ashford and Willa (Brewer) Ashford had issue:

8a. Diann Ashford, b. December 13, 1946, at Placerville, Cal.
8b. Patsy Jo Ashford, b. October 2, 1948, at Memphis, Tenn.
8c. Jackson Ashford, b. February 24, 1950, at Water Valley, Miss.
8d. Ernest Brewer Ashford, b. October 4, 1952, at Water Valley, Mississippi.

7. Nell Estell Ashford, daughter of Charles Young Ashford and Minnie May (Barber) Ashford, was born July 31, 1913, at Water Valley, Mississippi. She married Martin Edwin Sallis, son of C. A. Sallis and Lula (Therrell) Sallis, February 4, 1935. He was born December 5, 1908, at Kosciusko, Mississippi.

Nell Ashford Sallis is another one of our kinsmen who has helped to gather facts about the Ashfords. She and her grand husband served on the committee to help plan the big Ashford reunion which was held May 15, 1955, near her home at Ackerman, Mississippi. They own and operate the hotel at Ackerman. Nell was president of Western Gill, and Vice president of the Business and Professional Womens Club at Tchula, Mississippi. She has been President of Womens Society of Christian Service; Vice President, and President of the 20th Century Club at Ackerman. Nell has been Chairman of the Choctaw County T. B. Society, and has worked diligently to bring a full-time public health nurse to the county. Nell was one of the six who raised the "love gift" to help make this family study.

Nell (Ashford) Sallis and her husband, Martin Edwin Sallis, had issue:

8a. Edwin Earl Sallis, b. March 15, 1936, at Water Valley, Miss.
8b. Mary Nell Sallis, b. August 18, 1942, at Lexington, Miss.

They are Methodist.

7. Tommie Robert Ashford, son of Charles Young Ashford and Minnie May (Barber) Ashford, was born July 19, 1916, at Water Valley, Mississippi. He married Elsie Lavenier Brewer, daughter of Ernest C. Brewer and Pearl (Craig) Brewer, June 25, 1945, at home of 7th Street Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee. She was born June 25, 1921, at Senatobia, Mississippi.

Tommie was graduated from high school at Camp Grounds in Yalobusha County, Mississippi; and Northwest Mississippi Junior College in 1941. He entered military service February 12, 1942 and was discharged May 15, 1945. He spent thirty seven months overseas with the U. S. Army, serving in the 15th Infantry Regiment of the 24th Division. Tommie enrolled at Mississippi State College September 16, 1946, and was graduated May 17, 1948, with a BSc. degree, and MSc degree May 24, 1954.

Tommie Robert Ashford and Elsie (Brewer) Ashford had issue:

8a. Tommy C. Ashford, b. March 9, 1949, at Water Valley, Miss.
8b. Cynthia Ann Ashford, b. July 21, 1953, at Water Valley, Miss.

7. Minnie Lou Ashford, daughter of Charles Young Ashford and Minnie May (Barber) Ashford, was born September 10, 1922, at Water Valley, Mississippi. She married Charles Thomas Littleton, Sr. son of James Alexander Littleton and Susan (Traywick) Littleton, May 3, 1941, at 295 Eckford Street, Water Valley, Mississippi. He was born January 10, 1919, in Lafayette County, Mississippi. They are Baptist. Their address is 2193 Freemont Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

Minnie Lou (Ashford) Littleton and her husband, Charles T. Littleton, Sr. had issue:

8a. Charles Thomas Littleton, Jr., b. March 30, 1943, at Vance, Mississippi.
8b. Iris Gwendolyn Littleton, b. August 30, 1944, at Water Valley, Mississippi.
8c. Kenneth Ashford Littleton, b. July 25, 1946, at Memphis, Tenn.

7. John Henry Ashford, son of Charles Young Ashford and Minnie May (Barber) Ashford, was born March 8, 1926, at Water Valley, Mississippi. He married Katherine Nell Wells, daughter of Dean Wells and Annie (Page) Wells, February 17, 1952. She was born November 27, 1927, at Water Valley, Mississippi.

John Henry Ashford is a graduate of Mississippi State College, and taught school at Water Valley and Oakland, Mississippi. He is currently

employed by the Southern Farm Bureau Insurance Company. They live at Water Valley, Mississippi. He is Methodist and his wife is Presbyterian.

6. Jesse Roane Ashford, son of Charlie Joseph Ashford and Martha Assele (Self) Ashford, was born February 26, 1881, in Calhoun County, Mississippi. He died at Water Valley, Mississippi, August 19, 1948, and is buried at Palestine Cemetery near Water Valley. He married Beulah Moore, daughter of Sam Moore and Louisa (Addington) Moore. She was born October 7, 1882, at Water Valley, Mississippi, and died September 4, 1953. She is buried at Palestine Cemetery. Roane operated a store at Water Valley, Mississippi for many years. They were Methodist.

Jesse Roane Ashford and his wife, Beulah (Moore) Ashford, had issue:

7a. Mary Alice Ashford, b. September 26, 1902.
7b. Ruth Mildred Ashford, b. August 6, 1905.
7c. Louise Elaine Ashford, b. May 26, 1915.

All were born at Water Valley, Mississippi.

7. Mary Alice Ashford, daughter of J. Roane and Beulah (Moore) Ashford, was born September 26, 1902, at Water Valley, Mississippi. She married Emmette Lanslett Kimzey, son of Thomas Moses Kimzey and Effie George (Lynch) Kimzey, April 10, 1920, at Water Valley, Mississippi. He was born September 28, 1898 and died December 13, 1950, at Memphis, Tennessee. They were members of the Methodist Church. They had issue:

8a. Jack Thomas Kimzey, b. January 25, 1921.
8b. Emmett Lamar Kimzey, b. July 8, 1926.

Mary Alice lives in Memphis, Tennessee.

8. Jack Thomas Kimzey, son of Mary Alice (Ashford) Kimzey and her husband E. L. Kimzey, was born January 25, 1921, at Water Valley, Mississippi. He married Mae Bess Holt, daughter of Sam R. Holt, and she was born September 14, 1922, at Memphis, Tennessee. Jack is Methodist and Bess is Episcopalian. Jack was in the Navy and spent two years in the South Pacific in World War II.

8. Emmette Lamar Kimzey, son of Mary Alice (Ashford) Kimzey, and her husband E. L. Kimzey, was born July 8, 1926, at Grenada, Mississippi. He married _____ _____, February 19, 1949, at Memphis, Tennessee. They had issue:

9a. Garry Wayne Kimzey, b. July 20, 1951.

Emmette Lamar Kimzey served in the Army in World War II; crossed the English Channel D Day Plus five; drove a tank across France,

Belgium, Holland and into Germany. He received the Bronze Star and citation for bravery when he was eighteen years of age.

6. Thomas Calhoun Ashford, son of Charlie Joseph Ashford and his wife, Martha Assele Self, was born May 13, 1882, in Calhoun County, Mississippi. He married Pearl Thompson, who died April 13, 1953, and is buried at Hill Crest Cemetery at Texarkana, Texas. T. C. Ashford died February 4, 1956. They had issue:

7a. James Nenian Ashford, b. October 17, 1912.

Thomas Calhoun Ashford went to Texas about 1905. He has been a farmer, cattle raiser and merchant. He still owns his farm, but has moved to Texarkana, Texas, 1904 Walnut Street. Tom has been aggressive in the agricultural development of east Texas. He has always taken an active part in the political affairs of his area; he served twelve years on the State Parks Commission, by appointment. He is probably the oldest living Ashford of his line at the present time.

7. James Nenian Ashford, son of Thomas Calhoun Ashford and his wife, Pearl (Thompson) Ashford, was born October 17, 1912, in Bowie County, Texas. He married Marilee Duncan, daughter of James Duncan and Carrie (Morrison) Duncan, January 5, 1935, at Linden, Texas. They had issue:

8a. James Thomas Ashford, b. November 25, 1939, in Bowie County, Texas.

James Nenian Ashford has been an employee of the Employment Commission of the State of Texas for about eighteen years. His headquarters are at Texarkana. His residence is 2103 Olive, Texarkana, Texas.

6. Kathryn Lee Ashford, youngest child of Charlie Joseph Ashford and Martha Assele (Self) Ashford, was born November 11 1888, at Water Valley, Mississippi. She was first married to Mansfield Porter Miller, son of Joseph Miller and Martha _____, March 16, 1906, at Water Valley, Mississippi. He was born December 24, 1872, in Calhoun County, Mississippi, died February 10, 1932, and is buried at Palestine Cemetery, Yalobusha County, Mississippi.

Kathryn had the misfortune of losing her father when she was very young. As you might expect, this worked some hardship on this young girl, but she soon learned to be self-reliant. Early in life she affiliated with the Methodist Church in Water Valley, Mississippi. Her success as a housewife, seamstress, and at one time, operator of a grocery store, earned her the reputation of being a very good manager.

Kathryn Lee (Ashford) Miller and her husband, Mansfield Porter Miller, had issue:

7a. Jimmy May Miller, b. May 1, 1907.

Kathryn (Ashford) Miller's second marriage was to Bert Jesse Wilks. He died December 17, 1945. They had no issue.

7. Jimmy May Miller, daughter of Kathryn Lee (Ashford) Miller and Mansfield Porter Miller, was born May 1, 1907, at Water Valley, Mississippi. She married James Hardee Watson, son of Ed D. Caro and Amanda (Barton) Caro, June 12, 1931, at Grenada, Mississippi. He was born November 29, 1881, at Taylor, Mississippi. They are Methodist.

Jimmy May finished high school at Water Valley, Mississippi. She took her college work at Blue Mountain and Grenada, Mississippi, trained to be a teacher, and taught for eleven years. Jimmy May is a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, a past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a Sunday School teacher. She and her husband have lived for a number of years at Parchman, Mississippi, where Mr. Watson is in charge of one of the camps at the penitentiary.

Jimmy May (Miller) Watson and her husband, James Hardee Watson, had issue:

8a. Jimmie Dee Watson, b. July 23, 1932.

8. Jimmie Dee Watson, daughter of Jimmy May (Miller) Watson and and James Hardee Watson, was born July 23, 1932, at Water Valley, in Yalobusha County, Mississippi. She married Ernest Clinton McAdams, son of Walter Lee McAdams and Margie Carolyn (Bailey) McAdams, March 7, 1952. He was born October 18, 1929, at Huron, Tennessee.

Jimmy Dee Watson was valedictorian of her high school graduating class at Drew, Mississippi. She attended Southwestern at Memphis, Tennessee, where she majored in voice. She was soloist with the Southwestern singers. This promising young musician had the misfortune to contract a disease of the vocal chords while in college, resulting in the loss of her singing voice. She has served as a secretary to a company in Memphis, Tennessee. She is Methodist, and her husband is Baptist. He is employed by the Illinois Central Railroad as a train dispatcher. Their address is 619 E. 103rd Pl., Chicago 28, Illinois.

Jimmie Dee (Watson) McAdams and Ernest Clinton McAdams had issue:

9a. Kathryn Dee McAdams, b. May 28, 1954, at Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION 2

4. ROBERT JAMES ASHFORD

4. Robert James Ashford, the third son of James Ashford and Mary (Rabb) Ashford, was born November 23, 1814, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He died March 10, 1853, and is buried at the James Ashford family cemetery at Strother, South Carolina. He married Martha Caroline Taylor, daughter of William Kirkland Taylor and Martha Christianna (Pearson) Taylor. She was born July 30, 1830, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died May 20, 1890, in Choctaw County, Mississippi, buried at Hopewell.

Robert Ashford died the year the Ashfords moved to Mississippi. His wife and little two year old daughter, Eliza "Ella" came along in the caravan. It is not known whether it was his intention to move to Mississippi with the others. It is believed that he did not intend to move, but after he died, his wife decided to come to Mississippi. He divided his estate between his wife and his little daughter. He made his brother, James R. Ashford, the administrator of his estate, and guardian of that part of the estate left to his daughter Eliza "Ella". According to File 100 - 454, at Winnsboro, South Carolina, the final settlement showed the estate was worth $10,132.42. Mrs. Ashford got $2951.61; Eliza Y. got $5903.24, and the remainder went for retainer's fee.

Robert James Ashford and his wife, Martha Carolina (Taylor) Ashford, had issue:

5a. Eliza Young Ashford, b. January 8, 1851, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

5. Eliza "Ella" Young Ashford, only child of Robert James Ashford and Martha C. (Taylor) Ashford, was born January 8, 1851, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died April 11, 1916, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. She is buried at Beulah. She married Energy Pool Black, son of Joseph Black and Nancy (Pool) Black. He died March 15, 1908, in Choctaw County, Mississippi, and is buried at Beulah. They were Baptist.

Eliza "Ella" (Ashford) Black came with the Ashfords to Mississippi from Fairfield County, South Carolina, when she was a little over two years old. She, her mother, her aunt Sophira, and her uncle Andrew Taylor lived together after they came to Mississippi, until her mother married Jesse Turnipseed, after 1856. She grew up in the Turnipseed home along with her seven half brothers and sisters. Mrs. Caroline Ellen (Turnipseed) Whitmire said, "No one would have known that Ella was a half sister; they were all treated alike." It is known that her uncle and guardian, James R. Ashford, did send her to boarding school. James R. Ashford deeded her twelve hundred acres of land in Winston County, Mississippi, when he moved to Hinds County, about

1867. "Ella" made her home there and reared all her family on this farm. The place is still known as the "Energy Black Place". The second house which the Ashfords built, after coming to Mississippi, still stands on the property and is owned by John Ira Turnipseed, a grandson of "Ella" (Ashford) Black.

Eliza "Ella" (Ashford) Black and her husband, Energy Pool Black had issue:

6a. Catherine B. Black, b. January 23, 1869, d. 1872.
6b. Robert Joseph Black, b. September 4, 1870, d. October 2, 1955.
6c. Martha Lovenia Black, b. March 8, 1873.
6d. Henrietta Eugenia Black, b. July 8, 1876.
6e. Clyde Pool Black, b. November 27, 1878.
6f. Ira Watson Black, b. April 18, 1883, d. Oct. 20, 1905, a single man.
6g. Nancy California Black, b. April 11, 1886.
6h. Sarah Rosalie Black, b. September 13, 1888.
6i. Maggie Julia Black, b. November 2, 1892.
6j. Annie Ruth Black, b. November 21, 1893.

6. Robert Joseph Black, oldest son of Eliza (Ashford) Black and Energy Pool Black, was born September 4, 1870, in Winston County, Mississippi, and died October 2, 1955. He married Anna Eliza Jones, daughter of Thomas Franklin Jones and Louella (Helms) Jones, November 28, 1901, at Eunice, Louisiana. She was born November 10, 1878, at Adamsville, Tennessee. They are Methodist.

Robert Joseph "Bob Jo" Black and his wonderful wife were a lot of help in making this study. "Bob Jo" had been interested in the family history for a long time, but as he put it, "I just didn't take the time to put down the facts." He made two trips back to South Carolina to see the area from where his mother came. He was most pleased to learn that one of the descendants was attempting to "put something down about our folks." "Bob Jo" went to Louisiana in 1895. He did public work for a few years and then bought a rice farm in 1899. He grew rice until he sold his farm in 1920 and moved to California. He took the farm back in 1921, and started rice farming again. In 1948 he sold the farm to the State of Louisiana to be used for a rice experiment station, retired from farming, and moved to Crowley, Louisiana.

Although eighty-four years old, "Bob Jo" came from Crowley, Louisiana, to the Ashford family reunion at Ackerman, Mississippi, May 15, 1955. He became ill soon after returning home and passed away October 2, 1955. Meeting and knowing this wonderful couple has been one of the highlights in the writer's efforts to "put down something about the folks".

Robert Joseph Black and his wife Anna Eliza (Jones) Black had issue:

7a. Flossie Louella Black, b. September 10, 1904.

7. Flossie Louella Black, only child of Robert Joseph Black and Anna E. (Jones) Black, was born September 10, 1904, at Acadia, Louisiana. She married George Keller Cutrer, Sr. son of Isaac Cutrer and Emma (Lee) Cutrer, May 24, 1928. They had issue:

8a. Robert Black Cutrer, b. March 31, 1930.
8b. George Keller Cutrer, Jr. b. June 21, 1933.

6. Martha Lavenia Black, daughter of "Ella" (Ashford) Black and Energy Pool Black, was born March 8, 1873, died November 28, 1942, or December 2, 1941, and is buried at South Union in Choctaw County, Mississippi. She married Sid Moss. He was born October 21, 1874, and died July 1, 1921. Buried South Union. They had issue:

7a. Sidney Robert Moss, b. October 2, 1909.
7b. William Harvey Moss, b. May 29, 1912.
7c. Charles Weeks Moss, b. August, 1915, died in infancy.

7. William Harvey Moss, son of Martha Lavenia (Black) Moss and Sid Moss, was born May 29, 1912, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. He married Julia Mae Love, daughter of Rufus Garner Love and Katherine (Cutts) Love, March 30, 1932. They had issue:

8a. Mary Ann Moss, b. October 13, 1933, at Ackerman, Mississippi, m. James Goodwin, August 4, 1954.
8b. Betty Ruth Moss, b. September 13, 1935, at Ackerman, Miss., m. Steven L. Indig, November 4, 1953.

6. Henrietta Eugenia Black, daughter of "Ella" (Ashford) Black and Energy Pool Black, was born July 8, 1876. She died December 13, 1950, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. She married John Michael Turnipseed, Jr., son of John Michael Turnipseed, Sr., and Isabella M. (Hanna) Turnipseed, February 24, 1899. He was born September 3, 1875, at Louisville, Mississippi.

Henrietta (Black) Turnipseed and John Michael Turnipseed had issue:

7a. Thelma Turnipseed, b. September 2, 1901.
7b. Harris Edward Turnipseed, b. February 19, 1903.
7c. Forest Isabella Turnipseed, b. May 13, 1905.
7d. John Ira Turnipseed, b. March 20, 1907.
7e. Truman Elliott Turnipseed, b. January 1, 1910.
7f. Lottie Mae Turnipseed, b. March 28, 1912.
7g. Michael Wayne Turnipseed, b. July 31, 1918.

The above named children were born in Choctaw County, Mississippi.

7. Thelma Turnipseed, daughter of Henrietta (Black) Turnipseed and John Michael Turnipseed, was born September 2, 1901, in Choctaw County. She married John Joseph Webb, son of R. L. Webb and Kittie Hanberry November 2, 1923. He was born April 11, 1897, at Wallace, Alabama.

Thelma has been a school teacher and still substitutes for the teachers at times. They live on a farm near Sumrall, Mississippi, and raise angus cattle and leghorn chickens. They are active members of the Baptist Church where Thelma sings in the choir.

Thelma (Turnipseed) Webb and her husband, John Joseph Webb, had issue:

8a. John Wayne Webb, b. June 21, 1925.
8b. Earl Ray Webb, b. September 20, 1927.

8. John Wayne Webb, son of Thelma (Turnipseed) Webb and John Joseph Webb, was born June 21, 1925, at Epley, Mississippi. He married Margaret Charlotte Larson, daughter of Axel Henning Larson and Carrie Margaret (Nelson) Larson, May 30, 1952. She was born August 22, 1926, at Douglas, Wyoming. They have issue:

9a. Dennis John Webb, b. November 4, 1953, at Billings, Montana.

John Wayne Webb is a graduate of Mississippi State College, with a B. S. Degree in Geology. He is employed by Western Geophysical Company. He served in the U. S. Navy. He and his wife are Baptist.

8. Earl Ray Webb, son of Thelma (Turnipseed) Webb and John Joseph Webb, was born September 20, 1927, at Harrisville, Mississippi. He married Cora Andean Hudson of Sumrall, Mississippi. She was born May 30, 1929, at Sumrall, Mississippi. They had issue:

9a. Jennie Ann Webb, b. November 23, 1952, at Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Earl Ray Webb is a graduate of Mississippi Southern College, with a B. S. Degree in Mathematics. He is a school teacher. Earl Ray served in the U. S. Navy.

7. Harris Edward Turnipseed, Sr., son of Henrietta (Black) Turnipseed and John Michael Turnipseed, was born February 19, 1903, in Choctaw County. He married Betty Kean, daughter of Jack Curry Kean and Susan (Bushfield) Kean, in 1937. She was born July 17, 1908, in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. Harris was graduated from Mississippi State College in 1928. They live on a farm in Choctaw County, three miles east of Weir, Mississippi. They had issue:

8a. John Kean Turnipseed, b. June 7, 1940.
8b. James Lloyd Turnipseed, b. July 1, 1947.
8c. Harris Edward Turnipseed, Jr., b. August 18, 1951.

All were born at Starkville, Mississippi.

7. Forest Isabella Turnipseed, daughter of Henrietta (Black) Turnipseed and John Michael Turnipseed, was born May 13, 1905, in

Choctaw County. She married Edgar E. Johnson, son of Sidney Stephens Johnson and Mary Eugenia Anderson Johnson, June 6, 1931. He was born February 25, 1893, at Oxford, Mississippi.

Forest received her B. S. Degree in Home Economics from Mississippi Southern College in 1928, and her M. S. Degree in Nutrition from the University of Mississippi, in 1955. She was a Home Demonstration Agent in Tishomingo and Carroll Counties from June, 1929 to August 1, 1931. She has taught Home Economics for fourteen years and is still teaching. They live on their farm at Oxford, Mississippi, Route 3. They are Presbyterians.

Forest (Turnipseed) Johnson and her husband, E. E. Johnson, had issue:

8a. Sidney Forrest Johnson, b. May 1, 1932, at Oxford, Mississippi. He is a graduate of Mississippi State College and is and officer in the U. S. Air Force.

7. John Ira Turnipseed, son of Henrietta (Black) Turnipseed and John Michael Turnipseed, was born March 20, 1907, in Choctaw County. He married Helen Simon, daughter of Martin Simon and Carey Iris (Robison) Simon, February 5, 1946, at Jackson, Mississippi. They had issue:

8a. Don Martin Turnipseed, b. January 6, 1947, at Pascagoula, Mississippi.
8b. Barbara Iris Turnipseed, b. November 15, 1953, at Ackerman, Mississippi. Barbara Iris was the youngest girl attending the Ashford family reunion at Ackerman, Mississippi, May 15, 1954.

They are Methodist.

7. Lottie Mae Turnipseed, daughter of Henrietta (Black) Turnipseed and John Michael Turnipseed, was born March 28, 1912, in Choctaw County. She married Orris Lee Hunt, son of H. L. Hunt and Pearla (Whitmire) Hunt, December 19, 1936. He was born September 5, 1905, at McCool, Mississippi. They are Methodist.

Lottie Mae was graduated from the Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis, Tennessee, May 24, 1924. For the past several years she has been employed by the Lamar County, Alabama General Hospital as a head nurse. They have issue:

8a. James Larry Hunt, b. February 6, 1939, at Millport, Alabama.
8b. Katherine Elliott Hunt, b. January 6, 1941, at Millport.

7. Michael Wayne Turnipseed, son of Henrietta (Black) Turnipseed and John Michael Turnipseed, was born July 31, 1918, in Choctaw County. He married Thelma Hunt, daughter of Homer Lee Hunt and Pearla (Whitmire) Hunt, March 9, 1945. She was born February 4, 1919, at McCool, Mississippi. Michael is a Chief Warrant Officer in the U. S. Navy. He entered service November, 1937.

They had issue:

8a. Ann Turnipseed, b. April 6, 1949, at Piney Point, Maryland.

6. Clyde Pool Black, son of "Ella" (Ashford) Black and Energy Pool Black, was born November 27, 1878, in Choctaw County, and died June 6, 1944. He is buried at Beulah in Choctaw County. He married Della Gladney, who was born in 1885, died 1936, and is buried at Beulah. They had no issue.

6. Nancy California Black, daughter of "Ella" (Ashford) Black and Energy Pool Black, was born April 11, 1886, in Choctaw County. She married Albert Lee Rawls, March 28, 1905. He was born February 9, 1874, at Opelika, Alabama, died May 16, 1952, at Jackson, Mississippi, and is buried at Cedar Lawn. They were Baptist. They had issue:

7a. James Maxie Rawls, b. February 14, 1906.
7b. Robert Lee Rawls, b. October 17, 1909.
7c. Nancy Virginia Rawls, b. November 2, 1919.

7. James Maxie Rawls, son of Nancy C. (Black) Rawls and Albert Lee Rawls, was born February 14, 1906, in Attala County, Mississippi. He married Christine Bonds, daughter of C. W. Bonds and Bertha (Burris) Bonds. She was born August 22, 1912, at Holly Springs, Mississippi. They are Baptist. Their address is 412 E. Park Avenue, Greenwood, Mississippi. They have no issue.

7. Robert Lee Rawls, son of Nancy (Black) Rawls and Albert Lee Rawls, was born October 17, 1909, in Attala County, Mississippi. He married Dean Tracy, daughter of John William Tracy and Blanche E. (Dear) Tracy, March 2, 1940. She was born September 15, 1917, at Crystal Springs, Mississippi. They had issue:

8a. Robert Tracy Rawls, b. October 25, 1940.
8b. Carole Virginia Rawls, b. October 1, 1941.
8c. Linda Lee Rawls, b. September 20, 1943.

All children were born in Jackson, Mississippi. Their present address is 710 Shelton Avenue, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

7. Nancy Virginia Rawls, daughter of Nancy (Black) Rawls and Albert Lee Rawls, was born November 2, 1919, in Attala County, Mississippi. She was first married to Charles E. Brumfield, Jr, who was killed in Military service. They had issue:

8a. Virginia Gay Brumfield, b. April 12, 1940, in Jackson, Miss.
8b. Cecil Charles Brumfield, b. December 1, 1942, in Jackson, Miss.

Nancy Virginia (Rawls) Brumfield's second marriage was to Cecil C. Broome, son of Crozell C. Broome and Ida Lee (Pearson) Broome, August 24, 1946, in Jackson Mississippi. Had issue:

8a. Bobbie Cecil Broome, b. September 5, 1947, in Jackson, Miss.
8b. Dixie Lee Broome, b. December 22, 1948, in Jackson, Miss.

6. Sarah Rosalie Black, daughter of "Ella" (Ashford) Black and Energy Pool Black, was born September 13, 1888, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. She married James Glover Hutchison, son of John McCormick Hutchison and Florence Virginia (Pollard) Hutchison, December 27, 1908, at the home of her parents. He was born April 4, 1889, in Choctaw County, Mississippi.

One of Rosalie's children had this to say about her mother, "Silver and gold she has none, but a good name known for kindness, loving tender care of the children - a good neighbor and a good christian woman." The family gather to renew family ties at Christman, July 4th, Labor Day and Thanksgiving day. For many years they observed the custom of the family gathering at old Bethsalem Presbyterian Church in Choctaw County, Mississippi, on the first Sunday in August for homecoming.

Rosalie and her son, Leon, live on a farm in Hinds County, Mississippi. Their address is Terry, Mississippi, Route 1.

Sarah Rosalie (Black) Hutchison and James Glover Hutchison had issue:

7a. James Byron Hutchison, b. October 21, 1909.
7b. Janie Lee Hutchison, b. November 4, 1912.
7c. John Bertrand Hutchison, b. August 13, 1914.
7d. Raymond Glover Hutchison, b. July 7, 1916, in Choctaw County, d. May 7, 1918.
7e. Paul Wayne Hutchison, b. March 29, 1919.
7f. Charles Leon Hutchison, b. February 17, 1921.
7g. Arnell Hutchison, b. September 14, 1923.
7h. Dewitt Arnold Hutchison, b. March 14, 1926, in Choctaw County, d. January, 1927.
7i. Sarah Eleanor Hutchison, b. June 24, 1930.

7. James Byron Hutchison, oldest child of Sarah Rosalie (Black) Hutchison and James Glover Hutchison, was born October 21, 1909, at Highpoint, Mississippi, in Winston County. He married Mae Louisa Rush, daughter of John Walter Rush and Louisa Davis (Smith) Rush. She was born December 6, 1908,at Magee, Mississippi.

James Byron Hutchison was graduated from high school at Weir, Mississippi. He studied at Louisiana State University, Baton Rough, Louisiana, taught school for a short time at Carthage, Mississippi, and entered the lumber business. He learned the lumber business working for others, after which he went into business for himself at Georgetown, Mississippi. He operates a saw mill and planer mill and sells wholesale and retail. His home is at Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

James Byron Hutchison and Mae Louisa (Rush) Hutchison had issue:

8a. Helen Louisa Hutchison, b. August 19, 1932, at Magee, Mississippi, m. E. A. Caldwell, Jr., June 24, 1954.
8b. Ann Rush Hutchison, b. November 4, 1941, at Jackson, Miss.
8c. James Byron Hutchison, Jr., adopted son b. July 5, 1950, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

7. Janie Lee Hutchison, daughter of Rosalie (Black) Hutchison and James Glover Hutchison, was born November 4, 1912, at Highpoint in Winston County, Mississippi. She married Robert Gipson Hollingsworth, Sr., son of Douglas Gipson Hollingsworth and Mae Hollingsworth, June 17, 1940, at the Parsonage of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi. He was born November 25, 1915, at Yazoo City, Mississippi. She is Presbyterian and he is Methodist. They have issue:

8a. Bobbye Lee Hollingsworth, b. July 19, 1943, Jackson, Miss.
8b. Robert Gipson Hollingsworth, Jr., b. May 7, 1953, at Jackson.

7. John Bertrand Hutchison, son of Rosalie (Black) and James Glover Hutchison, was born August 13, 1914, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. He married Gloria Larcade, daughter of W. V. Larcade and Vivian (Morales) Larcade. She was born November 26, 1920, at Crowley, Louisiana. He is Presbyterian and she is Catholic.

John Bertrand Hutchison is what might be termed "a self made man". Without and extra amount of formal education, he accepted employment with the Bank of Commerce and Trust Company at Crowley, Louisiana, and worked his way up to become cashier. As this is being written, he is in the process of moving over to Lafayette, Louisiana to open up a new bank, January 1, 1956, and to serve as its Executive Vice President. He has been vice president of the Crowley, Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, active in Boy Scout work and served as Deputy Sheriff.

John Bertrand Hutchison and Gloria (Larcade) Hutchison had issue:

8a. John Walter Hutchison, b. October 19, 1940, at Crowley, La.
8b. James Michael Hutchison, b. April 7, 1944, at Crowley, La.

7. Paul Wayne Hutchison, Sr., son of Rosalie (Black) and James Glover Hutchison, was born March 29, 1919, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. He married Christine White, daughter of James Henry White and Minnie Lee (Ashley) White, December 22, 1948, at Hazlehurst, Mississippi. She was born February 6, 1927, at Hazlehurst, Mississippi. He is Presbyterian and she is Baptist.

Paul Wayne Hutchison joined the U. S. Navy, January 4, 1941, and was discharged January 7, 1947. He took basic training in Norfolk, Virginia, and was aboard the U. S. S. Wasp when it was sunk on September 15, 1942. He served eighteen months on Solomon Islands; served with Transport Squadron No. 3 from September, 1942, to January 7, 1947, at Olathe, Kansas. His rating, when discharged - Aviation Machinist Mate 1/C. Paul lives at Georgetown, Mississippi, and is in the lumber business with his brother Byron.

Paul Wayne Hutchison and Christine (White) Hutchison had issue:

8a. Paul Wayne Hutchison, Jr., b. September 19, 1950, at Hazlehurst, Mississippi.
8b. Susan Christine Hutchison, b. May 17, 1952, at Hazlehurst, Mississippi.

7. Arnell Hutchison, son of Rosalie (Black) and James Glover Hutchison, was born September 14, 1923, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. He married Billie Carl Carmen, daughter of William Carl Carmen and Anna (Tussey) Carmen, March 13, 1949, at Dawson Spring, Kentucky. She was born August 20, 1926, at Dawson Springs, Kentucky.

Arnell was graduated from high school at Weir, Mississippi, in 1942. He entered the U. S. Navy, July, 1943, was discharged at New Orleans, Louisiana, June, 1946. He trained at San Diego, California - shipped over from San Francisco, California, on U. S. S. Bliss. After getting to Tulagi Island, he was put aboard U. S. S. Carter Hall (LSD-3) Landing Ship Dock. He was aboard this ship until May, 1946. He participated in five invasions: Guam; Morotai Island; Leyte Island; Brunei Bay, Bornio; Balikpapan, Bornio. Battle station was on a 20 M M anti-aircraft gun. Attacked many times by Japanese aircraft, but luckily was never hit. Rating - Storekeeper Second Class. He was hospitalized in October, 1946, and remained in V A hospital at Outwood, Kentucky until December, 1948. He took a business course at Commercial College, Jackson, Mississippi, and was employed by the V A hospital at Outwood, Kentucky. He was later promoted to his present job as Passenger Traffic Clerk, at the V A hospital in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Arnell Hutchison and Billie Carmen Hutchison had issue:

8a. David Arnel Hutchison, b. January 24, 1953, at Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

7. Sarah Eleanor Hutchison, youngest child of Rosalie Black and James Glover Hutchison, was born June 24, 1930, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. She married Claude Donald Whitmire, son of Seldon Gildaroy Whitmire and Mollie Bell (Kerr) Whitmire, September 14, 1955, at Jackson, Mississippi. They were married by Reverend W. A. Hall, a retired Presbyterian minister. Donald was born June 27, 1928, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. They are Presbyterian. They live in Jackson, Mississippi. Eleanor is one of the six who helped raise the "love gift" to defray part of the expense of making this family study.

Sarah Eleanor Hutchison is one of the people who worked diligently helping to gather family information. She was graduated from high school at Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in 1948, and attended M. S. C. W. at Columbus, Mississippi for two years. She has been employed since 1950 by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Jackson, Mississippi, as office manager. She is another truly wonderful kinsman

met since starting this study.

6. Maggie Julia Black, daughter of "Ella" (Ashford) Black and Energy Pool Black, was born November 2, 1892, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. She died November 14, 1937, and is buried at Bera, near French Camp, Mississippi. She married Ben Veazey. They had issue:

7a. Orrin Veazey.
7b. Elwyn Young Veazey, b. May 22, 1926.
7c. Ira Hill Veazey.

7. Elwyn Young Veazey, son of Maggie J. (Black) Veazey and Ben Veazey, was born May 22, 1926, at French Camp, Mississippi. He married Elizabeth Mae West, daughter of R. L. West and Annie (Reed) West, April 27, 1951, at Sturgis, Mississippi. She was born October 9, 1934, at Sturgis, Mississippi. They had issue:

8a. Brenda Gail Veazey, b. October 15, 1952, at Starkville, Mississippi.

They live at Columbus, Mississippi.

6. Annie Ruth Black, youngest child of "Ella" (Ashford) and Energy Pool Black, was born November 21, 1893, in Choctaw County, Mississippi. She married Luther A. Daude, son of John M. Daude and Mary Louise (Tighethoff) Daude. He was born July 14, 1891, at McCool, Mississippi. They had issue:

7a. Elinor Arnette Daude, b. November 11, 1916, at McCool, Mississippi, m. W. Howard Eifling, January 20, 1944. Issue: Two sons.

Their address is 718 Crockett Avenue, Harlinger, Texas.

SECTION 3

4. JAMES REDDING ASHFORD

4. James Redding Ashford, youngest son of James Ashford and his wife, Mary (Rabb) Ashford, was born November 17, 1820, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, died November 14, 1881, in Hinds County, Mississippi, and is buried in an unmarked grave about ten miles northwest of Bolton, Mississippi, near the old Joe Birdsong place. He married Rachel Young Taylor, daughter of William Kirkland Taylor and Martha Christianna (Pearson) Taylor, June 20, 1849, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She was born March 14, 1833, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died December 14, 1880, in Hinds County, Mississippi. Her place of burial is not known.

James Redding Ashford came to Mississippi, in 1852, from Fairfield County, South Carolina, with his brother, John Rabb Ashford, his nephew, James Polk Ashford, and his brother-in-law, Andrew Jackson Taylor. They settled in Winston County, Mississippi. James R. Ashford made a trip back for the slaves in the winter of 1852. In the spring of 1853, he returned to South Carolina to move the families over to Mississippi. An account of who came along in this last move is listed elsewhere in this report.

James R. Ashford purchased eight hundred and eighty acres of land in Winston County, Mississippi, from Jonathan Harrison Rabb and his wife, Nancy (Chappell) Rabb, October 20, 1853. The deed he received to this land is recorded in Deed Book M, Page 636, at the courthouse in Louisville, Mississippi. He later acquired an additional amount to bring his holdings to twelve hundred acres. He lived at this location until about 1867, when he deeded his twelve hundred acres of land to his niece, "Ella" Ashford, to satisfy his obligations to her. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, August 26, 1867, about eleven miles northwest of Bolton, Mississippi, for $1120.00 and moved there about 1867. The deed to this land is recorded in volume 30, page 734, in the courthouse at Raymond, Mississippi. The land is described as the SE$\frac{1}{4}$, Section 13, Township 7. Range 4. The land was purchased from Jefferson J. Birdsong.

James R. Ashford was the guardian of his niece, Eliza "Ella" Ashford. Her father, Robert James Ashford, died when she was about two years old. Her assets consisted of cash and slaves. James R. Ashford worked the slaves and invested her money. When he decided to move to Hinds County, "Ella" was about old enough to come into possession of her estate. The Civil War was over and the slaves had been freed - their value had been wiped out, but he was desirous of paying to her on the basis of including the value of the former slaves. Times were hard and money was scarce; he thought it fair to deed "Ella" the entire twelve hundred acres of land to satisfy his debt to her. She thought this was unfair to him, but he insisted and deeded her the land. Ella is known to have said, "this more than satisfies the debt." James R. Ashford sent "Ella" to boarding school and paid for her education from her money that he held in trust.

James R. Ashford's niece, Caroline Ellen (Turnipseed) Whitmire, said, "he did not fight in the Civil War. He was ordered to stay home and produce food and fiber for use by the Confederate Army. He was required to turn over a percentage of his production to the Confederate Army." It was reasoned that his potential for producing food and fiber was so great that he would do more good for the cause of the C. S. A. by staying on the farm. It is to be remembered that he had his own slaves, those belonging to "Ella" and those belonging to his brother John Rabb Ashford's estate. The law exempted men from military service who owned twenty-nine or more slaves. It was reported that Sherman's army came by his place but did not burn anything, although they did take about thirty bales of cotton. This was probably Grierson's Raiders.

James R. Ashford was known as uncle "Big Jim" to the Ashfords around Ashfordville. This was to distinguish him from his nephew, James Polk Ashford, who lived with him. James Polk Ashford was known as "Little Jim".

The writer attempted to find where James R. Ashford and his wife were buried. Everyone contacted would direct me to go see Milton Farr. He was contacted at his home about nine miles northwest of Bolton, Mississippi, and this is what he said, "I was a young man riding along with Will Henry on horseback, in front of Joe Birdsong's place, and he pointed off in a westerly direction and said 'right down there about a half mile, on Joe Birdsong's place, is where Mr. Jim Ashford, the father of Dr. Albert Ashford's wife, is buried.'" This location should be about two miles and a half from where James R. Ashford was living when he died. When an attempt was made to locate the graves, Mr. W. H. White was living on the old Joe Birdsong place. Mr. White lives on the right side of the road as you go in a northwesterly direction from Bolton, Mississippi. In front of Mr. White's house is a narrow gravel road that leads off at an angle in a westerly direction; down this road four-tenths of a mile from Mr. White's house, and to the left of the road, in a pasture, was the location of the old cemetery. There was some evidence that there used to be an old cemetery there, but there were no markers.

James Redding Ashford and his wife, Rachel Young (Taylor) Ashford had issue:

5a. George DeBell Ashford, b. October 7, 1850, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, d. Hinds County, Mississippi. (According to Milton Farr, who helped to bury George, he is buried in an unmarked grave at Underhill Cemetery in Hinds County, Miss.) Married Chelsie Hundley, had a daughter who died.

5b. Mary Caroline "Molly" Ashford, b. August 20, 1852. (Note: for her issue see Dr. James Albert Ashford in Chapter five).

5c. James Taylor Ashford, b. November 20, 1856, in Winston County, Miss., d. in Hinds County, Miss., b. in unmarked grave at Underhill Cemetery, according to Milton Farr who helped to bury him.

5d. Catherine Sophia Ashford, b. November 19, 1860, in Winston

County, Mississippi, d. August 12, 1868.

5e. Sarah Rosa Ashford, b. August 12, 1863. (Note: her descendant says it should be Rosa Lee, but is is Sarah Rosa in the old family Bible at A. V. Ashford's house).

5f. Andrew Moses Ashford, b. December 10, 1867, in Hinds County, Mississippi, d. November 28, 1880, in Hinds County, Miss.

5g. Edward Pearson Ashford, b. July 22, 1872.

5. Sarah Rosa (Rosa Lee) Ashford, daughter of James R. Ashford and his wife, Rachel Young (Taylor) Ashford, was born August 12, 1863, in Winston County, Mississippi, and died April 8, 1931, in Hinds County, Mississippi. She is buried at Brownsville in Hinds County. She married Willie B. Craig, February 25, 1891. He was born August 24, 1856, died June 12, 1924, and is buried at Brownsville.

Sarah Rosa (Rosa Lee) Ashford and her husband, Willie B. Craig, had issue:

6a. Helen Lee Craig, b. November 30, 1900.

6. Helen Lee Craig, daughter of Sarah Rosa (Rosa Lee) (Ashford) Craig and her husband, Willie B. Craig, was born November 30, 1900, in Hinds County, Mississippi. She married Joe Birdsong White, son of William Archer White and Annie (Richardson) White, January 25, 1920, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He was born December 8, 1897, in Hinds County, Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. White live on a farm twelve miles north of Bolton, Mississippi. They are members of the Beaulah Baptist Church at Bolton. Address: Bolton, Mississippi, Route 2.

Helen Lee Craig and Joe Birdsong White had issue:

7a. Virginia Erlene White, b. August 13, 1923.

7. Virginia Erlene White, daughter of Helen Lee (Craig) White and Joe Birdsong White, was born August 13, 1923, at Bolton in Hinds County, Mississippi. She married Cecil Ray Halford, son of Willie Edgar Halford and Lovie Mae (Dumas) Halford, June 25, 1950, at Clinton, Mississippi. He was born December 3, 1920, at Lena, Mississippi.

Erlene and Cecil live on a farm twelve miles north of Bolton, Mississippi. She was educated to be a teacher and taught for several years. Cecil was formerly employed by Mississippi Power and Light Company. They have lived at Jackson, Clarksdale and Vicksburg, Mississippi, but their present address is Route 2, Bolton, Mississippi.

Virginia Erlene (White) Halford and her husband, Cecil Ray Halford had issue:

8a. Rosa Love Halford, b. May 5, 1952, at Vicksburg, in Warren County, Mississippi.

5. Edward Pearson Ashford, son of James R. Ashford and Rachel Young (Taylor) Ashford, was born July 22, 1872, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He died June 11, 1930, in Jackson, Mississippi, and is buried there. He married Minnie Walton, daughter of Timothy Walton and Charlotte Carolina (Taylor) Walton. She was born January 28, 1872, in Hinds County, Mississippi. Edward lived with his sister, Mary Caroline Ashford (Mrs. J. A.) after the death of his parents.

Edward Pearson Ashford and his wife, Minnie (Walton) Ashford, had issue:

6a. Timothy James Ashford, b. September 3, 1912.

6. Timothy James Ashford, son of Edward Pearson Ashford and his wife, Minnie (Walton) Ashford, was born September 3, 1912, at Jackson, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He married Hilda Marion Wilson, daughter of Fred Eugene Wilson and Chloe (Alford) Wilson, June 11, 1939. She was born May 29, 1917 in Pike County, Mississippi.

Timothy James Ashford and his wife, Hilda Marion (Wilson) Ashford had issue:

7a. Alice Rose Ashford, b. April 18, 1940, at Jackson in Hinds County, Mississippi.
7b. Timothy Walton Ashford, b. February 1, 1943, in Jackson, Mississippi, d. March 15, 1943, in Jackson.

"Tim" held an important position in the atomic plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. At present he is employed in Jackson, Mississippi. Their address is 3832 North View Drive, Jackson, Mississippi. They are members of the First Christian Church.

CHAPTER V

3. GEORGE ASHFORD, JR.

3. George Ashford, Jr., sixth child of George Ashford of Newberry County, South Carolina, was born February 11, 1758, died April 25, 1815. He is buried in his family cemetery in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Jemima Rabb, daughter of Robert Rabb and Nancy (Woodward) Rabb of Fairfield County. Nancy (Woodward) Rabb was a daughter of Thomas Woodward, "The Regulator", and Jemima Collins. Jemima Rabb was born about 1771, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died in 1839, buried in the George Ashford, Jr. family cemetery.

There were eight children born to George Ashford, Jr. and his wife Jemima (Rabb) Ashford. Namely:

4a. William Ashford, b. June 13, 1802.
4b. Joel Ashford, b. 1806, d. September 5, 1823, a single man, b. in his father's family cemetery.
4c. George W. Ashford, b. 1810.
4d. Robert Ashford, b. July 28, 1811, d. September 13, 1827, a single man, b. in his father's family cemetery.
4e. Thomas Ashford, b. 1814, m. Lizzie Finley and had issue:

5a. Phillip Ashford.
5b. Theodore Ashford.

4f. Elizabeth Ashford.
4g. Mary Ashford.
4h. Hariot Ashford.

The dates of birth and death of the three girls could not be obtained. Records at Courthouse in Winnsboro, South Carolina, show:

Elizabeth married Mr. Smith, Mary married William Smith, and Hariot married Samuel Brown. All evidence obtained indicates that all the above named children were born on their father's plantation in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

The George Ashford, Jr. family cemetery is located in Fairfield County, South Carolina. The writer visited this cemetery in June, 1954. In going to this cemetery from Columbia, South Carolina, travel Highway 215 about fourteen miles to the intersection with Highway 269. Follow 269 about six and one-half miles, turn left on gravel road and go about one-half mile. This should bring you to where Mrs. W. R. Ashford lived when the writer was there. Inquire there about the exact location of the cemetery. You will find that you are within a quarter of a mile of the cemetery. Mr. J. P. Brooks, Winnsboro, South Carolina, Route 3, lives within fifty yards of the cemetery. The cemetery is enclosed with a substantial fence.

Louisa Laughlin (Ashford) Robinson (Mrs. C. A.), a great grand-

daughter of George Ashford, Jr., who lives in Winnsboro, kept the cemetery cleaned off as long as she was able to get out there. The writer had the pleasure of meeting "aunt Loulie", as she is known, when he was in Winnsboro, in June of 1954.

George Ashford, Jr. could be the one who persuaded the Ashfords to move to South Carolina. He is known to have been a Revolutionary soldier in South Carolina as early as 1781. He acquired his first land, 103 acres, on Bogans Creek, in old 96th District, July 6, 1789, by patent. His next land acquisition was by patent on Little River, August 3, 1795. He puschased much land in 1805, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, including one tract of fourteen hundred and forty-three acres from his father-in-law, Robert Rabb. It is not known just how much land he owned at his death, but, as you will see in the following Will, he parcelled out twenty-five hundred acres to his children. Some of George Ashford Jr.'s land has been in possession of his descendants to this date.

The following reference to George Ashford's Revolutionary War service is provided for the information of his descendants who may be interested in joining D. A. R. or S. A. R.:

George Ashford
No. 672 (Issued 31 December, 1785 to Mr. Geo. Ashford for 21£-8-6-3/4 Sterling for duty as a Private in the Militia in 1781 --
(Account audited - Principal 21£-8-6-3/4 -- Interest 1£-9-11

You will also find George Ashford listed as one of Marion's men.

THE WILL OF GEORGE ASHFORD, JR.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN ----------

I George ASHFORD of the District of Fairfield in the State of South Carolina Planter Being at this time in a Declining State of Health But of Sound Mind. Memory and Understanding, Calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body As Knowing that it is appointed for All men Once to Die - do Make Constitute and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in the following Manner and Form THAT IS TO SAY IMPRIMUS it is my-Will and Desire that all my Just Debts (if I shall be Owning Any at the time of my Death) be punetually paid as soon after my Decease as it Can Conveniently be done ITEM to my Dearly Beloved Wife Jamima--Ashford I will and Bequeath Seven Negroe Slaves VIZ George Edy Rose an Naky Henry Lucy and And Morris together With their future Ifsue and increase- and Also all my Household And Kitchen Furniture Plantation Tools and other Tools and Utensels of Every kind and Discription Whatever and all my Horses---Neat Cattle Hogs Sheep and Livestock of Every kind And Also All my Money Bonds Notes and other Securities and Evidence of debts due to me that Shall be in my Pofsefsion At the time of my Decease and Generally All my Good--Chattells and Moovable Effects (Not Herein afterwards otherwise Specifically Disposed of) to her and her Heirs and afsigns for Ever Out of Which However it is my Will and Desire and Also my Belief and Expectation that She Will Support and Educate All My Children in as ample and Genteel-a Manner as her Circumstances Will admitt of--ITEM to my Daughter Elizabeth Ashford I Give and Bequeath two Negros Named Ben and Nilley together with their Children and future Isue and Increase to her and her Heirs and Afsigns forever-

ITEM to my Daughter Mary Ashford I Give and Bequeath two Negro Slaves that is to Say Nat and Fanny together with their future Ifsue And increase to Her and Her Heirs and Afsigns forever- ITEM to my Daughter Hariot Ashford I Give and Bequeath two Negro Slaves Named Tim and Amey- together With their future Ifsue And Increase to Her and her heirs and Afsigns forever Item to my son William Ashford I give and bequeath two Negro Slaves named Peter and Moses to Him and His Heirs and Assigns forever--to my Son Joel Ashford I Give and Bequeath two Negro Slaves Named Jefse and Ephraina to Him and His Heirs and Afsigns forever-- to my Son George Ashford I give and Bequeath two Negro Slaves Named Richard and Jacob - to Him and His heirs and Afsigns forever ITEM to my Son Robert Ashford I Will and Bequeath two Negro Slaves Isaac and Charles to him and his heirs and Afsigns forever--to my son Thomas Ashford I also Give and Bequeath two Negro Slaves Named Henry and Rose together With their future Ifsue and increase to him and his Heirs and afsigns forever--These two Negroes Each Which I have Willed to my above Named Eight Children I allow to Remain in my Wifes pofsefsion Untill the Said Children arrives at the Age of twenty One Or Untill the day of their Marriage----

and As to My Lands it is my Will and Desire that they be Disposed of and Distributed in in the following Manner That is to Say at the time When my Eldest Son (William) arrives at the Age of twenty One Years Or Should he Die Under that Age then When the first of my Sons Who Survive him Arrives at that Age, I Hereby Authorise and Require My Executrix and Executors Hereinafter to be Named to Sell At Public Auction the Whole of my Lands that are Situate on the South West side of- Little R River Bounding on the Lands of John Sims James Elliott Samuel Alston

the Estate of Harris Freeman Deceased and Stephen Gibson Held Under Several Grants Containing in the Whole Acres--More Or Lefs On a Credit of One Year after Having Given Sufficient Public Notice of Said Sale--And I Hereby Authorise My Executrix and Executors to make a Title Or titles One or More to the Person or Persons Who May become the Purchaser or Purchasers of the Said Lands-And the Money arising from the Said Sale I Will and Bequeath to my five Sons William-Joel-George-Robert and Thomas-to be Equally Divided Among them Share and Share Alike and to by. by My Executrix and Executors Paid Over to them When they Shall Come to the Age of twenty One Years Respectively Should they all Live to that Age But if One or More of them Should Die Under Age Or interstate in that case it is my Will that the Whole of the Said Money be Equaly Divided among My Surviving Sons and Should But One of my Sons above Named Live to the Age of twenty One Years the Whole of the Money for which the Said Lands Are Sold to be His But Should Providence So Ordain that None of My Sons Should live to the Age of twenty One Years In that case it is my Will that the Said Lands be Sold as above Directed and that the Proceeds thereof be Equally Divided Among my thre Daughters above Named to Each One Her Share On her Coming to the Age of twenty one Years Or Among As Many of them As Shall Liveto--that Age and the Children (If any there be) of Such As May Die Under that Age-----

I Also Hold A Considerable Boddy of Land Where I Now Live I think about two thousand Acres and About 500 Acres on Alligator Creek Detached from the Lands I Live on in Which Should I Live Any Great Length of time I may Make Considerable Aterations in the Ballue Quantity

and Situation there of As Well by Improvements thereon As Also by Sales of Parts there of or additional--Purchases thereto-for these Reasons I think it Most Prudnet Not to Make any Specific Division--Thereof at This time-But As Soon after My Decease As it Can Conveniently be Done I Injoin it on My Executors to Call On and Collect together My Friends Samuel - Alston Thomas Rabb James Ashford James Jones John Rabb (Son of Robert) William Jenkins Osman Woodward Robert Rabb and John Woodward Junier Or As Many of them As May be then Living and Can Conveniently be Collected together and On No Account Not Lefs than three in Number and I Hereby Request the Gentlemen above Named to Go in and in A Particular Manner to View and Examine What Ever Lands I May Die Pofsefsed of (Except that on the South West Side of Little River Which I have already Disposed of) and in the first Instance to Lay of twenty five Acres of Land in the Most Commodious for and-Manner Arround My House At the Old Crofs Roads now Occupied by My Brother Michael Ashford as a Tavern and Which I Built and intend for a Store or Tavern Or Both it Being in my--Oppinion An Elligeble Situation for Businefs of that kind-this tract of twenty five Acres to be Laid Out in Such a Way as Not to Include incumber and as Little as Pofsible to Rebder Inconvenient My Present Dwelling House and When So Laid Out to be by them Immediately Divided into five Lotts of Five Acres Each So as to Have Each Lot as commodious a Situation for a Dwelling House as Pofsible and then by Lot or Some Other Equtable Way Afsign and Diliver-Over One of the Said Lotts to Each of My five Sons Herein Before Named. So that should they Ever think proper to Commence public Dealing in at Co the Afforesaid House they May Each Have a Risedine Within a Convenient

Distance if Not they Will Have it in their power to Sell Out to Each other So as to Make i-suit their Own Views--And I Will Bequeath and Divise One of the Said Lots to Each of My five Sons above Named to them and their Heirs and Afsigns forever--And Next My friends above Named Or Such of them as May be Collected for that purpose (not Lefs than three) to Lay out a Tract of Land Which Shall Contain three hundred Acres and shall Include My Dwelling House and all my Out Houses appurtaining thereunto and also My plantation or as Much thereof as Can Conveniently and Advantageously be Included Therein - This tract of three Hundred Acres So to be Laid off I Will and Bequeath to My Beloved Wife Jamima Ashford During Her Natural Life-time to be by her Held Used Occupied and Enjoyed in the Most Ample Manner and after Her Death I Give Bequeath and Devise the Said Tract of 300 Acres With the appurtenances afforesaid to My Son Robert-Ashford to Him and His Heirs and Afsigns forever thereafter AND all the Remainder of the Lands of Which I May Die pofsefsed of it is My Will (And Request of my-friends above named) that They Divide the Same in to Seven parts or Division as Nearty Equal in Vallue As the Pofsibly can-And Detiver over (in Such Way As they think proper) one of the Said Seventh parts to My Daughter Elizabeth and one other of the Said Seventh parts to My Daughter Mary and One Other Seventh part to My Daughter Hariet and One Other Seventh part to My Son William and One Other Seventh part to My Son Joel and One Other Seventh part to My Son George and the other Seventh part to My Son Thomas and I do Hereby Will Bequeath and Divise the Seven Divisions to be Laid Out to the Seven of My Children Last Named That is to Say to Each one of them that Part that Shall be afsigned to them by

the persons Who Shall Make the Division to them An Each of them and Their Heirs and Afsigns forever---Provided Neverthelfs that Should Any One Or More of My Daughters Above Named Die Under the Age of twenty One Years. Or Intestate Before Marriage Either Before or after the afforesaid Division Shall Have taken place that then the Lands to Whher of thim So deceased Would have Been Intitled Under the former provisions of this Will be Equally Divided among hir or their Surverving Sisters and Should But One of My Daughters above Named Live to the Age of twenty One Years that she in that Case inherit All the Lands Which Her and Her Deceased Sisters Would have Been intitled to under the former provisions of This Will provid that None of the Deceased Sisters Shall Have Left-Children or a Child Living. to them and their Heirs and Afsigns forever--and in Like Manner Should any of My Sons herein named One Or More Die under Age Or Intestate Leaving Not Lenial Discendents Born in Wedlock that in that Case His surviving Brothers or Brother Shall Inherrit all the Lands to Which Him and thim So Deceased Would have been Intitled by Any former provision of This Will to them or him and Their or his Heirs and afsigns forever--AND LASTLY I do Hereby Nominat Constitute and appoint my Beloved Wife Jamima Ashford--Executrix and John Rabb (Son of Robert) and Thomas Rabb Executors of This my Last Will and Testaments HEREBY Revoking and Making Null and Void all and Every Other former Will or Wills by me Heretofore Made AND I-Declare this to be my last will and Testament IN WITNESS-----I have at the Bottom of the three first Sheets of this my Will (the----whereof is Contained in four Sheets of paper) Subscribed My Names and to this fourth and Last Sheet my Hand and Seal this Twenty Eighth Day of

February in The Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifteen

Signed Sealed Declared and published by the above Named George Ashford as and for his Last Will and testament in The Presence of Us at his Request and in his presence as We have Heretofore Done on the Three First Sheets of this Will Subscribed Our Names is as Witnefses the Words (to made a) Between the fourteenth and fifteenth lines in the Second Sheet having Been first Interlined and also The Words (I will and Bequeath) between the 7h & 8 Lines in th first Sheet

Michael Ashford

Saml. McKinstry

S. L. Alston

George Ashford (Seal)

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Signed ----------

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SECTION I

WILLIAM ASHFORD

4. William Ashford, oldest son of George Ashford, Jr., and Jemima (Rabb) Ashford, was born June 13, 1802, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, died April 1, 1833. He is buried at the George Ashford, Jr. family cemetery. He married Martha Matilda Robertson, daughter of Benony Robertson and Ruth (Bryant) Robertson. She was born January 31, 1805, in Fairfield County, and died June 3, 1895, buried beside her husband.

William Ashford and his wife, Martha Matilda (Robertson) Ashford, had issue:

5a. Rebecca Ashford, m. James Lawrence Cook.
5b. Joel William Ashford, b. April 12, 1828.
5c. Ruth Ashford, b. 1830, first marriage to Dave Hughes, and after his death she married Majers.
5d. Jemima Ashford, b. 1832, m. Mr. Durham.

All children in this family were born in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

5. Joel William Ashford, only son of William Ashford and Martha Matilda (Robertson) Ashford, was born April 12, 1828, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He died January 7, 1901, and is buried at the George Ashford family cemetery. He married Mary Jane Loughlin, daughter of Charlie Loughlin and Mary Ann (McDowell) Loughlin. She was born August 9, 1833, died March 5, 1906, and buried in the George Ashford family cemetery.

Joel William Ashford and his wife Mary Jane (Loughlin) Ashford had issue:

6a. Rebecca Ashford, b. May 10, 1856.
6b. Martha Thompson Ashford, b. July 27, 1859.
6c. Mary Matilda Ashford, b. December 12, 1861, d. September 8, 1944, no information about this line.
6d. Joel Ashford, b. October 8, 1864, m. Bessie Carpenter, no information about this line.
6e. William Robertson Ashford, b. July 19, 1867.
6f. Louisa Loughlin Ashford, b. December 12, 1869.
6g. Ruth R. Ashford, b. July 28, 1873, d. October 1, 1875.

All the above children were born in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

6. Rebecca Ashford, oldest daughter of Joel William Ashford and Mary Jane (Loughlin) Ashford, was born May 10, 1856, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, died April 24, 1938, in St. Matthews, South Carolina. She married Lucius B. Bates, son of Dr. R. W. Bates and Elizabeth (Evans) Bates April 17, 1889, in Fairfield County. He was born November 7, 1855, in Orangeburg County, South Carolina, died

August 13, 1930, at St. Matthews, South Carolina. (The above facts from family Bible in possession of Mrs. G. V. Cannon of St. Matthews, South Carolina.)

Rebecca (Ashford) Bates and her husband, Lucius B. Bates, had issue:

7a. Sadie Bates, b. January 30, 1890, in St. Matthews, South Carolina, m. Dr. G. V. Cannon, June 26, 1913.
7b. Joel Ashford Bates, b. May 27, 1892.

7. Joel Ashford Bates, son of Rebecca (Ashford) Bates and her husband, Lucius B. Bates, was born May 27, 1892, at St. Matthews, South Carolina. He died April 16, 1955, at the Veterans Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina, and is buried at St. Matthews, South Carolina. He married Annelle Thacker. They had no issue.

6. Martha Thompson Ashford, daughter of Joel William Ashford and his wife, Mary Jane Loughlin, was born July 27, 1859, and died May 6, 1896, at St. Matthews, South Carolina. She married Olin M. Dantzler, son of Col. Olin M. Dantzler and Caroline (Glover) Dantzler, December 10, 1879. He was born in 1855, at St. Matthews, South Carolina, and died in 1911 at St. Matthews, South Carolina.

Martha Thompson (Ashford) Dantzler and her husband, Olin M. Dantzler, had issue:

7a. Thomas Mortimer Dantzler, b. 1880.
7b. Mary Ashford Dantzler, b. 1881, d. 1935, m. Nathan Cook, and C. E. Hinnant.
7c. Sue Lyles Dantzler, b. 1884.
7d. Joel Ashford Dantzler, b. 1887, d. 1915.
7e. Olin Miller Dantzler, b. 1890.
7f. Rebecca Bates Dantzler, b. 1893, d. 1894.
7g. Charles Glover Dantzler, b. August 22, 1895.

All children in this family were born at St. Matthews, South Carolina.

7. Thomas Mortimer Dantzler, son of Martha Thompson (Ashford) Dantzler and her husband, Olin M. Dantzler, was born in 1880, at St. Matthews, South Carolina, died 1924. He married Julia Walling. They had issue:

8a. Thomas Dantzler, b. at Charleston, South Carolina.
8b. Mary Dantzler, b. at Charleston, South Carolina.

7. Sue Lyles Dantzler, daughter of Martha Thompson (Ashford) Dantzler and her husband, Olin M. Dantzler, was born in 1884 at St. Matthews, South Carolina. She married David Felder Huffman, Sr., son of David Huffman and Annie (Ott) Huffman. He was born 1867 in Lexington County, South Carolina, died 1918 at St. Matthews, South Carolina.

Sue Lyles (Dantzler) Huffman and her husband, David Felder Huffman, Sr., had issue:

8a. Martha (Mittie) Ann Huffman, b. November 30, 1905.
8b. David Felder Huffman, Jr., b. November 13, 1912.
8c. Susie Dantzler Huffman, b. June 3, 1918.

All children in this family were born at St. Matthews, South Carolina.

8. Martha (Mittie) Ann Huffman, daughter of Sue Lyles (Dantzler) Huffman and David Felder Huffman, Sr., was born November 30, 1905, at St. Matthews, South Carolina. She married J. F. McLaughlin, son of Dr. Thomas J. McLaughlin and Rosa (Buyck) McLaughlin, August 17, 1924. He was born at St. Matthews, South Carolina. They have an adopted son, Tommy, born July 1, 1941. Their address is St. Matthews, South Carolina.

8. David Felder Huffman, Jr., son of Sue Lyles (Dantzler) Huffman and her husband, David Felder Huffman, Sr., was born November 13, 1912, at St. Matthews, South Carolina. He married Mary Ellenor Keller, daughter of William Adam Keller, Sr., and Ellenor (Wolfe) Keller, December 24, 1936, at Creston, South Carolina. She was born December 21, 1911, at Creston, South Carolina.

David Felder Huffman, Jr. and his wife, Mary Ellenor (Keller) Huffman had issue:

9a. David Felder Huffman, III, b. December 2, 1946, at Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Their address is St. Matthews, South Carolina.

8. Susie Dantzler Huffman, daughter of Sue Lyles (Dantzler) Huffman and her husband, David Felder Huffman, Sr., was born June 3, 1918, at St. Matthews, South Carolina. She married Julian A. Lancaster, Jr., September 18, 1940. He was born March 27, 1913. They had issue:

9a. Suzanne H. Lancaster, b. March 15, 1942, at St. Matthews, South Carolina.

Their address is St. Matthews, South Carolina.

7. Charles Glover Dantzler, son of Martha Thompson (Ashford) Dantzler and Olin M. Dantzler, was born August 22, 1895, at St. Matthews, South Carolina. He married Ruth Livingston, daughter of Asa D. Livingston and Florence (Addison) Livingston. Their address is 1107 Gladden Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

6. William Robertson Ashford, son of Joel William Ashford and his wife, Mary Jane (Loughlin) Ashford, was born July 19, 1867, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died March 12, 1944. He is buried at Crooked Run Baptist Church Cemetery in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Ada Virginia Clark, daughter of Joseph Wardell Clark and

Margaret Jane (Steele) Clark, February 9, 1893. She was born July 18, 1871, in Fairfield County, and died May 22, 1913. She is buried beside her husband.

William Robertson Ashford was a farmer. He was a devout christian. After the death of his good wife he proceeded to do an excellent job of rearing his two sons and four daughters to be excellent citizens. He was one of the Ashfords who helped to keep the George Ashford, Jr. land in the Ashford family for so long.

William Robertson Ashford and his wife, Ada Virginia (Clark) Ashford, had issue:

7a. William Ralph Ashford, b. December 17, 1894.
7b. Mary Lou Ashford, b. October 2, 1897.
7c. Alice Mae Ashford, b. June 13, 1902.
7d. Margaret Eloise Ashford, b. December 31, 1904.
7e. Joel Wardell Ashford, b. July 17, 1910.
7f. Ada Rebecca Ashford, b. July 10, 1912.

All children in this family were born in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

7. William Ralph Ashford, son of William Robertson Ashford and his wife, Ada Virginia (Clark) Ashford, was born December 17, 1894, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, died October 13, 1948, and is buried at Bethel Methodist Cemetery near Winnsboro, South Carolina. He married Janie Leitner, daughter of Lary Eugene Leitner and Sallie Raiford (Dubard) Leitner, December 9, 1920. She was born February 26, 1898, in Richland County, South Carolina. Her address is Winnsboro, South Carolina, Route 3.

William Ralph Ashford and his wife, Janie (Leitner) Ashford had issue:

8a. Sara Virginia Ashford, b. November 12, 1921.
8b. Lewis Clifton Ashford, b. March 2, 1923.
8c. Robert Eugene Ashford, b. September 20, 1925.
8d. Janie Rai Ashford, b. April 26, 1932.

All children in this family were born in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

8. Sara Virginia Ashford, daughter of William Ralph Ashford and his wife, Janie (Leitner) Ashford, was born November 12, 1921, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Romeo Arthur Marcotte, son of Arthur Marcotte and Amanda (Laurendean) Marcotte, April 26, 1946. He was born August 11, 1920, in Hillsboro County, New Hampshire. They had issue:

9a. Judy Amanda Marcotte, b. February 29, 1948, in Richland County, South Carolina.

8. Lewis Clifton Ashford, son of William Ralph Ashford and his wife,

Janie (Leitner) Ashford, was born March 2, 1923, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Sara Mae Brown, daughter of John Smith Brown and Elizabeth English (Rutland) Brown, July 18, 1946. She was born November 24, 1924, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Their address is Winnsboro, South Carolina, Route 3. They have issue:

9a. Jan Carol Ashford, b. January 21, 1954, in Richland County, South Carolina.

8. Robert Eugene Ashford, son of William Ralph Ashford and his wife, Janie (Leitner) Ashford, was born September 20, 1925, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Annie Charles Blackman, daughter of Charles Manley Blackman and Annie Laurie (Beckham) Blackman, September 2, 1950. She was born June 4, 1930, in Richland County, South Carolina. Their address is Route 3, Winnsboro, South Carolina.

8. Janie Rai Ashford, daughter of William Ralph Ashford and his wife, Janie (Leitner) Ashford, was born April 26, 1932, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married John Daniel Peach, son of George Cleveland Peach and Cora (Williams) Peach, February 26, 1955. They have issue:

9a. Lisa Kay Peach, b. October 4, 1955, at Winnsboro, South Carolina.

7. Mary Lou Ashford, daughter of William Robertson Ashford and his wife, Ada Virginia (Clark) Ashford, was born October 2, 1897, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Rufus Arledge Castles, Sr., son of Samuel Franklin Castles and Leila Lee (Lyles) Castles, December 12, 1915. He was born March 9, 1894, in Chester County, South Carolina. Their address is Rion, South Carolina. They are Baptist.

Mr. and Mrs. Castles live on their farm at Rion, South Carolina. Mr. Castles has been quarry foreman for twenty-five years at the Anderson Quarry. Mary Lou is an Avon representative, but most of all, she is a wonderful mother, as her ten children will verify. Seldom will you find a family where there is more devotion than you will find in this wonderful family. The writer had the pleasure of meeting Mary Lou, and some members of her fine family, when he was in South Carolina in 1954, looking for family information. She has been most helpful in assembling data about the Ashfords; in fact, she collected the data on forty families appearing in Section 1 of Chapter V of this report.

Mary Lou (Ashford) Castles, her daughters, Ada Lee (Castles) Pleasants (Mrs. E. H.), Rebecca Diane, and her son, Joel Ashford, came over to Mississippi in May, 1955, to attend the Ashford reunion which was held near Ackerman, Mississippi. They were most enjoyable guests in the home of the writer during their visit to Mississippi. Mary Lou was one of the group who contacted the kinsmen and raised a "love gift" to help make this study.

Mary Lou (Ashford) Castles and Rufus Arledge Castles, Sr. have issue:

8a. Ada Lee Castles, b. December 22, 1916.
8b. Rufus Arledge Castles, Jr., b. August 5, 1918.
8c. Helen Marjorie Castles, b. November 24, 1919.
8d. William Lindsey Castles, b. February 14, 1922.
8e. Edna Lou Castles, b. August 16, 1925.
8f. Mary Jeanette Castles, b. August 1, 1927.
8g. Alice Ramona Castles, b. May 31, 1929.
8h. Martha Ann Castles, b. July 25, 1932.
8i. Joel Ashford Castles, b. June 9, 1937.
8j. Rebecca Diane Castles, b. September 26, 1940.

8. Ada Lee Castles, daughter of Mary Lou (Ashford) Castles and her husband, Rufus Arledge Castles, Sr. was born December 22, 1916, at Rion in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Earl Harry Pleasants son of Earl Holt Pleasants and Annie Lillian (Alderman) Pleasants, April 25, 1941. He was born January 29, 1918, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Ada Lee and Harry are employed by the Sumner Company at Columbia, South Carolina. She is Baptist and he is Methodist, but they compromise by attending church at Crooked Run Baptist Church at Rion, South Carolina.

Ada Lee attended the Ashford family reunion in Mississippi, in 1955. Ada Lee possesses the same fine qualities which her mother displays.

Their home address is 3848 Wilmont Avenue, Columbia, South Carolina.

8. Rufus Arledge Castles, Jr., son of Mary Lou (Ashford) Castles and her husband, Rufus A. Castles, Sr., was born August 5, 1918, at Rion in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Marion Louise Mann, daughter of Lonnie Marion Mann and Nannie Louise (Powell) Mann, September 15, 1940. She was born December 13, 1922, at Columbia, South Carolina. He is Baptist and she is Methodist.

Rufus A. Castles, Jr. was one of the kinsmen interested enough in the Ashford family reunion, in 1955, to drive from Charleston, South Carolina to Spartanburg, South Carolina, to pick up his fine young son, and on to Ackerman, Mississippi, to the reunion. When he awoke the morning of the reunion, he discovered that one of his children had measles. Rather than expose the other children attending the reunion, he returned to South Carolina without staying to enjoy the day.

Rufus, Jr. is leading man Toolmaker at the Naval Shipyards at Charleston, South Carolina. He served apprenticeship as machinist at the Winnsboro Blue Granite Quarry. He is also a radio amateur - W4SZ6. Give him a buz. His home address is 50 Kent Avenue, Charleston Heights, Charleston, South Carolina.

Rufus Arledge Castles, Jr. and his wife Marion Louise (Mann) Castles had issue:

9a. Priscilla Louise Castles, b. November 13, 1941.

9b. Rufus Arledge Castles, III, b. April 1, 1944.
9c. Harry Wardell Castles, b. December 5, 1950.

All children were born at Charleston, South Carolina.

8. William Lindsey Castles, son of Mary Lou (Ashford) Castles and her husband, Rufus A. Castles, Sr., was born February 14, 1922, at Rion in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Olive Carrol Brown, daughter of John Smith Brown and Elizabeth English (Rutland) Brown, August 9, 1945. She was born December 1, 1922, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. On September 12, 1942, he volunteered his services, was assigned to Battery "B" 38th F. A. 2nd Division; served 22 months overseas with the rank of Sergenat; landed on Normandy the 2nd day of invasion and saw extensive action at Brest and battle of Bulge; was discharged in September, 1945.

William Lindsey Castles is employed as construction foreman in the grading department with Sloan Construction Company. He is a member of the Laurel Baptist Church at Greenville, South Carolina. Home address is 24 Lady Marion Lane, Greenville, South Carolina.

William Lindsey Castles and his wife, Olive Carrol (Brown) Castles, had issue:

9a. John Lindsey Castles, b. March 8, 1947, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
9b. Charles Edward Castles, b. June 15, 1950, in Richland County, South Carolina.
9c. Miriam Carrol Castles, b. July 25, 1952, in Richland County, South Carolina.
9d. Terry Rufus Castles, b. September 16, 1953, in Richland County, South Carolina.
9e. Lamar Brown Castles, b. June 26, 1955, at Greenville, South Carolina.

8. Edna Lou Castles, daughter of Mary Lou (Ashford) Castles and her husband, Rufus A. Castles, Sr., was born August 16, 1925, at Rion in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Andrew Francis Robinson, Sr., son of George Ulric Robinson and Sallie Bertha (Blair) Robinson, June 3, 1945. He was born February 17, 1924, at Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Edna Lou is secretary for Brooks Granite Corporation at Rion, South Carolina. Her husband is shop foreman at U. S. Rubber Company in Winnsboro, South Carolina, where he has been employed since his discharge from military service in 1945. They are members of Greenbrier Methodist Church. Their home address is Route 3, Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Edna Lou (Castles) Robinson and her husband, Andrew Francis Robinson, Sr. had issue:

9a. Andrew Francis "Rusty" Robinson, Jr., b. May 8, 1946, at Winnsboro, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
9b. Helen Diane Robinson, b. January 21, 1953, at Winnsboro in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

8. Mary Jeanette Castles, daughter of Mary Lou (Ashford) Castles and her husband, Rufus A. Castles, Sr., was born August 1, 1927, at Rion in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married George Ray Shedd, Jr., son of George Ray Shedd, Sr., and Susan Estelle (Timms) Shedd, April 24, 1948. He was born April 17, 1927, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Jeanette and George are members of Pendleton Baptist Church at Pendleton, South Carolina.

When she sent in her family information form she was employed as a secretary at Clemson College, and her husband was employed by J. P. Stevens Company at Seneca, South Carolina. George received his B. S. degree in Textile Engineering from Clemson College in 1952.

Mary Jeanette (Castles) Shedd and her husband, George Ray Shedd, Jr. had issue:

9a. Georgette Lee Shedd, b. November 11, 1954.

8. Alice Ramona Castles, daughter of Mary Lou (Ashford) Castles and her husband, Rufus A. Castles, Sr., was born May 31, 1929, at Rion in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Robert Evans, son of Robert William Evans and Catherine Ann (Durkin) Evans, December 8, 1951. He was born February 27, 1927, in Jackson County, Ohio.

Alice has been a stenographer since 1946, and at the present time is working for Farm Credit Administration at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. She is Baptist.

Robert has the interesting job of Correctional Officer at U. S. N. E. Penitentiary in Pennsylvania. He formerly lived at Columbus, Ohio. Their address is Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Route 3.

8. Martha Ann Castles, daughter of Mary Lou (Ashford) Castles and her husband, Rufus A. Castles, Sr., was born July 25, 1932, at Rion in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Cecil Harold Weed, son of James Harold Weed and Blanche (Lucas) Weed, July 25, 1953. He was born January 7, 1932, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Martha Ann is a stenographer, and her husband was a Special Sergeant with the U. S. Air Force in Iceland at last report.

7. Alice Mae Ashford, daughter of William Robertson Ashford and his wife, Ada Virginia (Clark) Ashford, was born June 13, 1902, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died January 9, 1929, in Newberry County, South Carolina. She is buried at Rosemont Cemetery at Newberry, South Carolina. She married Olin Lee Cousins, son of John Henry Cousins and Ila Cornelia (Cromer) Cousins, September 23, 1921. He was

born October 25, 1896, in Newberry County, South Carolina.

Alice Mae (Ashford) Cousins and her husband, Olin Lee Cousins, had issue:

8a. Patricia Dean Cousins, b. March 1, 1926.
8b. Drucie Ray Cousins, b. September 1, 1928.

8. Patricia Dean Cousins, daughter of Alice Mae (Ashford) Cousins and her husband, Olin Lee Cousins, was born March 1, 1926, in Newberry County, South Carolina. She married Ira Lee Barber, Jr., son of Ira Lee Barber, Sr. and Grace (Brown) Barber, August 9, 1949. He was born May 16, 1919, at Savannah, Georgia. Their address is 423 Edgewood Drive, Thomasville, Georgia.

8. Drucie Ray Cousins, daughter of Alice Mae (Ashford) Cousins and her husband, Olin Lee Cousins, was born September 1, 1928, in Newberry County, South Carolina. She married William Richard Goss, Sr. son of Arthur S. Goss and Eva (Price) Goss, December 24, 1951. He was born August 5, 1927, at Boston, Massachusetts. Their home address is 39 Jennings Pond Road, Natick, Massachusetts. They had issue:

9a. William Richard Goss, Jr., b. February 3, 1953, in Newberry County, South Carolina.

7. Margaret Eloise Ashford, daughter of William Robertson Ashford and his wife, Ada Virginia (Clark) Ashford, was born December 31, 1904, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Lunsford Blades Lewis, son of Thomas W. Lewis and Mary Ellen (Street) Lewis, March 5, 1925. He was born May 8, 1905, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis live in the Greenbrier Community of Fairfield County, South Carolina. They are members of the Greenbrier Methodist Church. Mr. Lewis is a merchant and farmer. Their home address is Winnsboro, South Carolina, Route 3.

Margaret Eloise (Ashford) Lewis and her husband, Lunsford B. Lewis, had issue:

8a. Gladys June Lewis, b. June 6, 1926.
8b. Rebecca Madge Lewis, b. March 12, 1932.
8c. Mary Loretta Lewis, b. December 23, 1936.

All children were born in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

8. Gladys June Lewis, daughter of Margaret Eloise (Ashford) Lewis and her husband, Lunsford B. Lewis, was born June 6, 1926, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Gary Franklin Bass, Jr., son of Gary Franklin Bass, Sr. and Dora (Fields) Bass, June 10, 1949. He was born June 27, 1927, at Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Gladys and Gary are members of Greenbrier Methodist Church. She is

a graduate of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina, and has taught school six years. She says, "at present I am not teaching, as I have two boys ages 4 and 14 months." We'll agree she has a full-time job caring for those two fine young Americans.

Gladys June (Lewis) Bass and her husband, Gary Franklin Bass, Jr., had issue:

9a. Gary Franklin Bass, III, b. August 29, 1950.
9b. Lunsford Lewis Bass, b. September 27, 1953.

Both boys were born at Columbia in Richland County, South Carolina.

7. Joel Wardell Ashford, son of William Robertson Ashford and his wife, Ada Virginia (Clark) Ashford, was born July 17, 1910, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Lindsay, daughter of Dr. Samuel Lindsay and Eliza Jane (Wylie) Lindsay, September 3, 1936. She was born January 26, 1915, at Winnsboro, South Carolina. Their home address is 601 Rollins Avenue, Hamlet, North Carolina. Joel operates a grocery store there.

7. Ada Rebecca Ashford, daughter of William Robertson Ashford and his wife, Ada Virginia (Clark) Ashford, was born July 10, 1912, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She died September 7, 1933, in Newberry County, South Carolina, and is buried at Rosemont Cemetery in Newberry, South Carolina. She married Olin Lee Cousins, son of John Henry Cousins and Ila Cornelia (Cromer) Cousins, April 28, 1933. He was born October 25, 1896, in Newberry County, South Carolina.

6. Louisa "aunt Loulie" Laughlin Ashford, daughter of Joel William Ashford and his wife, Mary Jane (Laughlin) Ashford, was born December 12, 1869, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Charles Alexander Robinson, Sr., son of John Robinson and Rebecca (Watt) Robinson. He was born June 24, 1867, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, died January 31, 1949, in Fairfield County and is buried at Eberneezer Brick Chruch A. R. P. Her home address is Winnsboro, South Carolina.

The writer called on "aunt Loulie" in June, 1954, when he was in Winnsboro, South Carolina, looking for family information. He found her to be a most lovable lady with much interest and pride in her family. She has been most helpful in gathering facts about the Ashfords. She is a person you all would enjoy knowing personally.

Louisa Laughlin (Ashford) Robinson and her husband, Charles Alexander Robinson, Sr. had issue:

7a. Annie Laurie Robinson, b. March 28, 1892, d. July 27, 1892.
7b. Iva Rebecca Robinson, b. July 26, 1893.
7c. William Ashford Robinson, b. November 2, 1895.
7d. Stroby Kincaid Robinson, b. October 29, 1900.
7e. Charles Alexander Robinson, Jr., b. July 5, 1903.
7f. Loulie Laughlin Robinson, b. May 24, 1905, d. October 8, 1907.
7g. Ruth Matilda Robinson, b. October 19, 1909.

All children were born in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

7. Iva Rebecca Robinson, daughter of Louisa Laughlin (Ashford) Robinson and her husband, Charles A. Robinson, Sr. was born July 26, 1893, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Thomas Henry Edwards, Sr., son of Andrew Jackson Edwards and Virginia (Brannen) Edwards, January 15, 1919. He was born August 23, 1886. Their address is Pembroke, Georgia.

Iva Rebecca (Robinson) Edwards and her husband Thomas Henry Edwards, Sr. had issue:

8a. Thomas Henry Edwards, Jr., b. March 5, 1920.
8b. William Ashford Edwards, b. October 6, 1922, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, d. October 28, 1937.
8c. Andrew Alexander Edwards, b. October 12, 1936, at Savannah, Georgia.

8. Thomas Henry Edwards, Jr., son of Iva Rebecca (Robinson) Edwards and her husband, Thomas H. Edwards, Sr., was born March 5, 1920, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Ruth Addison, daughter of Joseph Addison and Henrietta (Brundage) Addison, June 11, 1948. They had issue:

9a. Thomas Stephen Edwards, b. 1953.

7. William Ashford Robinson, son of Louisa Laughlin (Ashford) Robinson and her husband, Charles Alexander Robinson, Sr. was born November 2, 1895, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Evangeline Dantzler, daughter of James Dantzler and Rosa (Evans) Dantzler, July 5, 1934. She was born March 5, ____, in Orangeburg County, South Carolina. They have an adopted son, William Dantzler Robinson, born January 8, 1946.

7. Stroby Kincaid Robinson, daughter of Louisa Laughlin (Ashford) Robinson and her husband, Charles Alexander Robinson, Sr. was born October 29, 1900, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Richard Sease Cathcart, Sr. son of Thomas Cathcart and Rosa (Sease) Cathcart, November 29, 1920. He was born June 24, 1898, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. Their home address is 1217 West College Drive, Hartsville, South Carolina. They have issue:

8a. Richard Sease Cathcart, Jr., b. April 3, 1923.

8. Richard Sease Cathcart, Jr., son of Stroby Kincaid (Robinson) Cathcart and her husband Richard S. Cathcart, Sr. was born April 3, 1923, in Darlington County, South Carolina. He married Ruth Spann, daughter of Rufus Henry Spann and Rosa Duffie (Garner) Spann, September 9, 1950. Their home address is 4520 Meadowood Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

Richard Sease Cathcart, Jr. and his wife, Ruth (Spann) Cathcart, have issue:

9a. Richard Sease Cathcart, III, b. October 11, 1951.
9b. Ruth Kincaid Cathcart, b. May 22, 1953.
9c. Rufus Spann Cathcart, b. November __, 1954.

All children were born in Richland County, South Carolina.

7. Charles Alexander Robinson, Jr., son of Louisa Laughlin (Ashford) Robinson and her husband, Charles A. Robinson, Sr. was born July 5, 1903, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married Sara Eugenia Jones, daughter of Edward Jones and Laura (Ruff) Jones, September 6, 1928. She was born July 24, 1904, in York County, South Carolina. Their home address is Rock Hill, South Carolina, Route 2.

Charles Alexander Robinson, Jr. and his wife, Sara Eugenia (Jones) Robinson, have issue:

8a. Charles Alexander Robinson, III, b. February 16, 1930.
8b. Edward Jones Robinson, b. September 30, 1933.
8c. William Ashford Robinson, b. February 13, 1939.
8d. Laura Jones Robinson, b. January 14, 1941.
8e. John Lambert Robinson, b. April 13, 1943.

All children were born in York County, South Carolina.

8. Charles Alexander Robinson, III, son of Charles Alexander Robinson, Jr. and his wife, Sara Eugenia (Jones) Robinson, was born February 16, 1930, in York County, South Carolina. He married Elizabeth Ardrey Grimball, daughter of John Bukley Grimball and Elizabeth (Ardrey) Grimball, May 7, 1954. Their address is 3145 Martha Curtis Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. She was born September 24, 1931.

7. Ruth Matilda Robinson, daughter of Louisa Laughlin (Ashford) Robinson and her husband, Charles Alexander Robinson, Sr. was born October 19, 1909, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married Rudolph Cole Harrington, Sr. son of Walter Harrington and Adele (Bristow) Harrington, April 3, 1933. He was born February 25, 1905, in Greelyville, South Carolina.

Ruth says, "I'm just a mama of two lively children - busy as a bee. Went to school in Columbia, South Carolina, at old Chicora College. My calling is music. I play the piano and pipe organ. Have lived in Hoganville, Georgia and in New York for twelve years - now back in Winnsboro, South Carolina, where my husband is Production Manager for the U. S. Rubber Company."

Ruth Matilda (Robinson) Harrington and her husband, Rudolph Cole Harrington, Sr. have issue:

8a. Louise Adele Harrington, b. October 5, 1937, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.
8b. Rudolph Cole Harrington, Jr., b. June 8, 1947.

SECTION 2

GEORGE W. ASHFORD

4. George W. Ashford, son of George Ashford, Jr. and his wife, Jemima (Rabb) Ashford, was born in 1810, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He died February 21, 1880, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He was first married to Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of Jonathan Harrison and Sally "Sarah" V. (Tyler) Harrison, March 4, 1830, in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

George W. Ashford and his wife, Elizabeth (Harrison) Ashford had issue:

5a. Jonathan Harrison Ashford, b. December 3, 1830.
5b. Sarah D. Ashford, b. November 13, 1832.
5c. William Ashford, b. September 10, 1836.

All children were born in Fairfield County, South Carolina. No information is available to show that any of the above children married.

George W. Ashford's second marriage was to Louisa R. B. Rhodes, November 6, 1838. They had one child:

5a. Jemima B. Ashford.

Jemima B. Ashford married William Lewis, in Hinds County, Mississippi, on May 16, 1860. They had one child:

6a. Selia Lewis.

George W. Ashford's third marriage was to Charlot Matilda Vaughn, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She was born October 5, 1823, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died December 29, 1872, in Hinds County, Mississippi. They had issue:

5a. George M. Ashford, b. December 14, 1845, d. May 20, 1860, in Hinds County.
5b. Alice Gertrude Ashford, b. November 20, 1848.
5c. James Albert Ashford, b. July 4, 1852.

All children were born in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

George W. Ashford was a farmer in South Carolina and in Mississippi. He moved to Mississippi in 1856 and settled in Winston County, where he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land from John W. Turner. The deed to this land is recorded in Book O., page 266, at the courthouse in Louisville, Mississippi. The land he purchased was about two miles from the land his first cousins, John R. and James R. Ashford, purchased. He lived at this location for about two years when he disposed of his holdings and moved to Hinds County, Mississippi. The exact date of his move to Hinds County is not know, but it is believed

to have been during the winter of 1858 or the spring of 1859. He purchased land about eleven miles northwest of Bolton, Mississippi, where he lived until his death February 21, 1880. According to his grandson, A. V. Ashford, he "owned about four hundred and eighty acres of land when he died". The exact location of his place of burial, or that of his wife, is not known at this time.

5. Alice Gertrude Ashford, daughter of George W. Ashford and his wife, Charlot Matilda (Vaughn) Ashford, was born November 20, 1848, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died April 19, 1930, in Hinds County, Mississippi. She is buried at Underhill Cemetery in Hinds County, Mississippi. She married Samuel Proctor Rabb, Sr., son of Alexander Rabb and his wife, Susan _____. He was born November 10, 1848, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died January 20, 1892, in Hinds County. He is buried at Underhill Cemetery in Hinds County. More information about Alexander Rabb and his wife Susan may be had by studying the 1850 Census of Fairfield County, South Carolina. Proctor Rabb came to Mississippi in 1870 from Fairfield County, South Carolina, to farm in Hinds County.

Alice Gertrude (Ashford) Rabb and her husband, Samuel Proctor Rabb, Sr. had issue:

6a. Albert George Rabb, b. February 26, 1877.
6b. Samuel Proctor Rabb, Jr., b. January 10, 1880 (Note: Samuel Proctor Rabb, Jr., married and the writer has learned of two sons he had:

7a. James O. Rabb.
7b. Samuel Proctor Rabb, III.

They live in Memphis, Tennessee.) S. P. Rabb, Jr. is buried at Forest Hill Cemetery, Memphis, Tennessee.

6c. Connie Vaughn ("Carry") Rabb, b. October 2, 1882, d. June 27, 1901, a single woman, buried at Underhill Cemetery in Hinds County, Mississippi.
6d. Calvin T. Rabb, b. October 10, 1885, d. October 31, 1934. He did not marry. Buried at Underhill Cemetery.

All children were born in Hinds County, Mississippi.

6. Albert George Rabb, son of Alice Gertrude (Ashford) Rabb and her husband, Samuel Proctor Rabb, Sr. was born February 26, 1877, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He married Eula Rook Cowan, daughter of William P. Cowan and O'Nora (Sims) Cowan. She was born March 6, 1876, at La Grange, Tennessee, and died in 1950, in Memphis, Tennessee. He lives at 23 N. Cooper, Memphis, Tennessee.

Albert George Rabb, Sr. moved to Memphis, Tennessee, about 1900. For twelve years-1900-1912-he was with the Southern Express Company.

He was owner and operator of a service station, Service Department and Hardware Store. He is a life member of the Masons. Mr. Albert had retired and was enjoying his hobby shop when the writer visited him in 1955. He is Methodist.

Albert George Rabb, Sr. and his wife, Eula Rook (Cowan) Rabb had issue:

7a. Albert George Rabb, Jr., b. July 12, 1909, in Shelby County, Tennessee.
7b. Nora Margaret Rabb, b. August 26, 1912, in Shelby County, Tennessee.

7. Albert George Rabb, Jr., son of Albert G. Rabb, Sr. and his wife Eula (Cowan) Rabb was born July 12, 1909, in Shelby County, Tennessee. He married Mildred Inez White, daughter of Richard R. White and Clara _____, September 7, 1937. They are Episcopalians. They have issue:

8a. Mildred Virginia Rabb, b. April 18, 1948.
8b. David Cowan Rabb, b. December 19, 1950.

7. Nora Margaret Rabb, daughter of Albert G. Rabb, Sr., and his wife, Eula (Cowan) Rabb was born August 26, 1912, in Shelby County, Tennessee. She married Nathaniel Jacoby, son of Albert Jacoby and his wife, Sarah _____, June 11, 1944. He was born August 6, 1910, in New York. Nora is a graduate of Central High School in Memphis. She was graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1937, with a major in Philosophy. She taught school in Memphis from 1939 to 1945.

Nora Margaret (Rabb) Jacoby and her husband, Nathaniel Jacoby, have issue:

8a. Eula Margaret Jacoby, b. November 1, 1945.
8b. George Edward Jacoby, b. May 26, 1949.

Both children were born in Shelby County, Tennessee. They are Methodist.

5. Dr. James Albert Ashford, son of George W. Ashford and his wife, Charlot Matilda (Vaughn) Ashford, was born July 4, 1852, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died December 27, 1931, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He is buried at Underhill Cemetery, located about ten miles northwest of Bolton, Mississippi. He married Mary Caroline "Molly" Ashford, daughter of James Redding Ashford and his wife, Rachel Young (Taylor) Ashford, December 19, 1877, in Hinds County, Mississippi. She was born August 20, 1852, in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died November 20, 1931, in Hinds County, Mississippi. She is buried at Underhill Cemetery beside her husband.

Dr. James Albert Ashford, Sr. and his wife Mary "Molly" Caroline Ashford, had issue:

6a. Hartwell Taylor Ashford, Sr., b. September 13, 1878.

6b. George W. Ashford, b. January 21, 1881, d. in 1881.
6c. Alice Gertrude Ashford, b. October 1, 1882.
6d. James Albert Ashford, Jr., b. February 10, 1884.
6e. Rosa Lee Ashford, b. January 23, 1887.
6f. Percy Young Ashford, b. November 27, 1888.
6g. Ausburn Vaughn Ashford, b. October 17, 1889.
6h. William E. Ashford, b. January 10, 1892.

All members of the above family was born in Hinds County, Mississippi.

Dr. James Albert Ashford was about four years old when he came from Fairfield County, South Carolina, to Winston County, Mississippi, with his parents in 1856. His wife was a little less than a year old when she came from Fairfield County to Winston County, with her parents in 1853. They were double second cousins, their respective grandfathers having married sisters. Dr. Albert Ashford studied medicine under old Dr. West Farr and practiced for many years in Hinds County. He lived on his four hundred and eighty acre farm which he inherited from his father and which he added to until he had seven hundred and twenty acres when he died. His grandson, H. T. Ashford, Jr., described him as "a man small in stature, wore a beard, wiry and full of action." He lived so that "his word was his bond." As one of the old time beloved "country doctors", he endeared himself to many, many people. The people appreciated the sacrifices he made to minister to their needs.

When you drive up to Dr. Ashford's lovely old home you get the impression that here is where a fine family was reared. Then, when you know the people who grew up there, you know that your first impression was correct. When Mary Caroline Ashford's parents died she brought her younger sister and brother into her home and kept them as if they were her own children. "Molly" had precedent set for her in this respect, for her mother had done the same thing for John R. Ashford's three children. Ausburn Vaughn Ashford, Dr. Albert's youngest surviving son, lives on the old home place. It was here that the writer found the old, old family Bible, which evidently belonged to James R. Ashford, that had listed in it the names of George Ashford, Sr.'s family, James Ashford's family, John R. Ashford's family and James R. Ashford's family. Three generations were listed in this one Bible. This geneological record is most valuable to all the descendants listed in this publication. A copy of the record in this Bible may be found in Volume 3, Cemetery and Bible Records to be published by the Mississippi Geneological Society.

6. Dr. Hartwell Taylor Ashford, Sr., son of Dr. James Albert Ashford and his wife, Mary Caroline Ashford, was born September 13, 1879, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He died December 15, 1953, at Clinton, Mississippi, and is buried there. He married Lyda Hooker, daughter of Patrick Henry Hooker and Elizabeth (Brown) Hooker, August 26, 1903, in Hinds County. She was born July 12, 1876, at Clinton, Mississippi.

Dr. Hartwell Taylor Ashford, Sr. attended school at Farr School

House, Edwards, Mississippi, and finished Jefferson Military Academy, Washington, Mississippi. He obtained his M. D. degree from Louisville Medical College. He did post graduate work at Sewanee. He practiced medicine in Hinds County, Mississippi, for over fifty years. He celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of the day he started practicing medicine and his fiftieth wedding anniversary at the same time in 1953. The Board of Trustees of Mississippi College appointed him physician for the school in 1928. He accepted the job reluctantly but stayed with it, along with his other practice, until 1950. The writer learned unofficially that Dr. H. T. Ashford, Sr. and Dr. George E. Atkins performed the first mastoid operation in Mississippi, in 1920, at the old Jackson Infirmary. Dr. Ashford was one of the old family doctors who never spared himself when his services were needed. He had the confidence of his patients and the respect of his colleagues, and was beloved by men and women from all walks of life, both white and colored. He was a Baptist, Mason, Kiwanian, and member of Mississippi Medical Society. Much of his time as a physician was spent during the days when the house calls were made on horseback, in a buggy or on a bicycle. For recreation, he was an ardent fisherman, and hunted as leisure time allowed. For more details about the life and accomplishments of Dr. H. T. Ashford, Sr. see: The Story of Jackson, Volume 2, pages 431-432.

Dr. Hartwell Taylor Ashford and his wife, Lyda (Hooker) Ashford had issue:

7a. William Albert Ashford, b. July 18, 1904, d. October 6, 1908.
7b. Hartwell Taylor Ashford, Jr., b. December 31, 1905.
7c. Edith Ashford, b. May 1, 1913.
7d. Albert Wells ("Jack") Ashford, b. April 2, 1914.

7. Hartwell Taylor Ashford, Jr., son of Dr. Hartwell T. Ashford, Sr. and his wife, Lyda (Hooker) Ashford, was born December 31, 1905, at Clinton, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He married Martha Leake Johnston, daughter of Dr. Sidney William Johnston and Mattie (Haralson) Johnston, March 28, 1940, at Vicksburg, Mississippi. She was born September 9, 1910, at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

The writer found that when you said Hartwell Taylor Ashford, Jr. to the people in Hinds County, Mississippi, they hardly knew whom you were talking about. They know this fellow, affectionately, as "Bubba" Ashford. "Bubba" has contributed generously of his time and finances to making this family study. He is a very busy man, but it takes a busy person to get things done. "Bubba" was graduated from Jefferson Military Academy, attended Mississippi State College, and Mississippi College at Clinton. In 1928, he went to work for the Federal Government as Civil Engineer for the Mississippi Levee Board at Lake Providence, Louisiana. He became deputy Circuit Clerk in Hinds County, Mississippi, under Mr. E. D. Fondraun, April 2, 1929, where he served until he was elected Circuit Clerk, in 1939. He has been Circuit Clerk of Hinds County since 1940. He was elected without opposition in 1947 and in 1955. "Bubba" was chairman of the Advisory Board of Selective Service for Hinds County. He is a member of Lions Club, Odd Fellows,

a Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Baptist Church at Clinton, Mississippi.

He served on the committee to plan for the first big Ashford Reunion at Ackerman, Mississippi, in 1955. "Bubba's" inspiration has been of very great help in assembling facts about the Ashfords.

Hartwell Taylor Ashford, Jr. and his wife, Martha Leake (Johnston) Ashford, have issue:

8a. Martha Francis Ashford, b. June 17, 1943, in Vicksburg, Miss.
8b. Mary Elizabeth Ashford, b. July 15, 1945, in Vicksburg, Miss.

7. Edith Ashford, daughter of Dr. Hartwell Taylor Ashford, Sr. and his wife, Lyda (Hooker) Ashford, was born May 1, 1913, at Pocahontas in Hinds County, Mississippi. She married Robert Henry Johnston, Jr., son of Robert Henry Johnston, Sr., and his wife, Catherine (Rogers) Johnston, November 9, 1936, at Clinton, Mississippi. He was born _____ __, ____. She is Baptist and he is Methodist.

Edith attended public school at Pocahontas, Mississippi, attended high school at Flora, and was graduated at Clinton, Mississippi. She attended Hillman College at Clinton, Mississippi. She is a member of United Daughters of the Confederacy. She and her husband operate a farm and a store at Clinton, Mississippi.

Edith (Ashford) Johnston and her husband, Robert Henry Johnston, Jr., have issue:

8a. Edith Ashford Johnston, b. September 28, 1937, at Clinton, Mississippi.
8b. Lyda Ann Johnston, b. October 11, 1945, at Clinton, Mississippi.

7. Albert Wells ("Jack") Ashford, Sr., son of Dr. Hartwell Taylor Ashford, Sr. and his wife, Lyda (Hooker) Ashford, was born April 2, 1914, at Pocahontas, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He married Martha Frank Tyrone, daughter of Maxie Major Tyrone and Blanche (Huff) Tyrone, July 6, 1946. She was born October 3, ____, at Mt. Olive, Mississippi. He is Baptist and she is Presbyterian. They live at Clinton, Mississippi.

"Jack" attended public school at Pocahontas and high school at Clinton, Mississippi. He attended Mississippi College. "Jack" is a farmer, a Mason, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Albert Wells "Jack" Ashford, Sr. and his wife, Martha Frank Tyrone, have issue:

8a. Hartwell Tyrone Ashford, b. April 27, 1950.
8b. Albert Wells Ashford, Jr., b. September 12, 1955, at Clinton, Mississippi.

6. Alice Gertrude Ashford, daughter of Dr. James Albert Ashford and his wife, Mary Caroline Ashford, was born October 1, 1882, in Hinds County, Mississippi. She married Dr. Walter Richard Wallace, Sr. son of James Wallace and Annie (McCorkle) Wallace. He was born November 13, 1880, in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, died December 13, 1937 in Memphis, Tennessee. They were Baptist.

Alice attended school at Hillman College, Clinton, Mississippi. She taught school for a number of years. She has devoted her life to her family. She is interested in her church work and in her Garden Club.

Alice Gertrude (Ashford) Wallace and her husband, Dr. Walter Richard Wallace, Sr. had issue:

7a. James Ashford Wallace, b. October 14, 1915.
7b. Annie Rose Wallace, b. November 7, 1916.
7c. Walter Richard Wallace, Jr., b. March 12, 1918.

All were born in Shelby County, Tennessee.

7. Dr. James Ashford Wallace, son of Alice Gertrude (Ashford) Wallace and her husband, Dr. Walter R. Wallace, Sr. was born October 14, 1915, in Shelby County, Tennessee. He married Elizabeth Ann Belote, daughter of James C. Belote and Ann (Cunningham) Belote. She was born September 30, 1924, at Memphis, Tennessee. They have issue:

8a. Jimmy Ashford Wallace, b. February 7, 1950, at Memphis, Tennessee.

He is Baptist and she is Catholic.

7. Annie Rose Wallace, daughter of Alice Gertrude (Ashford) Wallace and her husband, Dr. Walter Richard Wallace, Sr. was born November 7, 1916, at Memphis, Tennessee. She married Leslie H. Buchman, son of Vernon L. Buchman and Virginia Ruth (Hughes) Buchman. He was born March 27, 1917, in Akron, Ohio. He is Presbyterian and she is Baptist.

Annie Rose (Wallace) Buchman and her husband, Leslie H. Buchman, had issue:

8a. Leslie Wallace Buchman, b. March 8, 1942, in Memphis, Tenn.
8b. Jim Wallace Buchman, b. December 3, 1948, in Memphis, Tenn.
8c. Dana Ashford Buchman, b. November 23, 1951, in Memphis, Tenn.

7. Walter R. Wallace, Jr., son of Alice Gertrude (Ashford) Wallace and her husband, Dr. Walter R. Wallace, Sr. was born March 12, 1918, in Memphis, Tennessee. He married Elizabeth Ricker, daughter of J. B. Ricker and Emily (Denny) Ricker, December 24, 1941, in Memphis, Tenn. She was born January 19, 1919, in Memphis, Tennessee. They are Presbyterian.

Walter R. Wallace, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth (Ricker) Wallace have two adopted children:

8a. Watt Wallace, b. August 29, 1949.
8b. Emily Wallace, b. February 20, 1951.

6. James Albert Ashford, Jr., son of Dr. James Albert Ashford, Sr. and his wife, Mary Caroline Ashford, was born February 10, 1884, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He married Carrye Lee Roberts, daughter of Albert Addison Roberts and Alice (Baskin) Roberts, June 18, 1905. She was born March 27, 1885, in Hinds County, Mississippi. They are members of the Christian Church. They live at Pocahontas, Mississippi.

The writer had visit recently with Mr. Albert and his son, James. He is a most delightful person. Has a very positive, pleasing personality. Says he life home at age sixteen and was educated in the school of "hard knocks and experience." When one finishes in that school, he usually does all right for oneself. You sure have to pin that label on Mr. Albert, for he has accumulated his share of worldly goods and reared a wonderful family. He, his attractive wife and his entire family attended the Ashford family reunion, May 15, 1955, at Ackerman, Mississippi. No one seemed to enjoy the occasion more than they did. He is a merchant, farmer, gin owner and cotton buyer, loves to hunt and fish, and says he is going to retire January 1, 1956. He and his family are members of the Christian Church. Their home address is Pocahontas, Mississippi.

James Albert Ashford and his wife, Carrye Lee (Roberts) Ashford had issue:

7a. Carrye Lee Ashford, b. October 5, 1906.
7b. Mary Alice Ashford, b. May 20, 1908.
7c. Ola Evelyn Ashford, b. May 9, 1909.
7d. James Hartwell Ashford, b. May 9, 1915.
7e. Gwendolyn Ashford, b. December 16, 1916.

7. Carrye Lee Ashford, oldest daughter of James Albert Ashford, Jr. and his wife, Carrye Lee (Roberts) Ashford was born October 5, 1906, at Bolton, Mississippi. She married Raymond Harris Henderson, son of Raymond Lee Henderson and Martha Virginia (Harris) Henderson, January 5, 1931. He was born March 17, 1896, at Hancock, Maryland.

Carrye Lee finished high school at Hattiesburg Womans College. She is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. She taught school at Edwards and Flora, Mississippi. She and her family are Methodist. They live at 1692 Laurel Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Carrye Lee (Ashford) Henderson and her husband, Raymond Harris Henderson, had issue:

8a. Martha Lee Henderson, b. February 22, 1931.

8b. Harriet Ashford Henderson, b. January 20, 1937.
8c. James Harris Henderson, b. December 11, 1944.

All children were born at Jackson, Mississippi.

7. Mary Alice Ashford, daughter of James Albert Ashford, Jr. and his wife, Carrye Lee (Roberts) Ashford was born May 20, 1908, at Edwards, in Hinds County, Mississippi. She has not married, and when you see her, you wonder how she has escaped. She is a most attractive person. Finished high school at Flora, Mississippi, and two years at Womans' College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi. Taught school at Pocahontas and Arcola, Mississippi, taught bookkeeping for several years at Draughn's Business College, Jackson, Mississippi. She works for Dr. Gayden Ward in his Clinic at Jackson, Mississippi. She owns a children's apparel shop at Jackson.

7. Ola Evelyn Ashford, daughter of James Albert Ashford, Jr. and his wife, Carrye Lee (Roberts) Ashford, was born May 9, 1909, at Edwards, in Hinds County, Mississippi. She married Collin Tarpley Lane, son of Joseph Elbert Lane and Eddie (Smith) Lane, September 11, 1927, at Canton, Mississippi. He was born February 19, 1904, at Flora, Mississippi.

Ola helped to gather all the facts about her family. Accepted the responsibility for getting the information forms filled out for her father and mother and for her sisters and brother. Ola has made generous contributions, other than her time, in the interest of gathering facts about the Ashfords. She is a most likable and friendly person, and has a harmonious combination of her father's personality and her mother's sincerity. Ola finished high school at Flora, Mississippi, and was about to embark on her college career when she decided in favor of matrimony. She and her husband own Pontiac Automobile Agencies in Jackson, Mississippi, Memphis, Tennessee, and New Orleans, Louisiana. She is Christian and he is Baptist.

Ola Evelyn (Ashford) Lane and her husband, Collin T. Lane, had issue:

8a. Collin Ashford Lane, b. September 30, 1928, d. February 7, 1934.

7. James Hartwell Ashford, son of James Albert Ashford, Jr. and his wife, Carrye Lee (Roberts) Ashford, was born May 9, 1915, at Pocahontas, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He was first married to Fae Weir, daughter of Charles S. Weir, June 3, 1946. They had issue:

8a. Gail Lee Ashford, b. January 13, 1948, in Hinds County, Miss.

James Hartwell Ashford was married second, to Lee Jones, daughter of Archie Lee Jones and Ann (Ferguson) Jones, March 24, 1953. She was born June 12, 1914, at McComb, Mississippi. He is Christian and she is Methodist. They live in Jackson, Mississippi.

James Hartwell Ashford attended public school at Pocahontas and Flora, Mississippi, finished high school Clinton, Mississippi, and attended the University of Mississippi. He entered the Army Air Corps in January, 1942, and was discharged in November, 1945, served in the Carribbean and Panama Canal Zone. (Service Serial Number 34137285) James worked for General Mills from 1945 to 1951. He is now associated with his father in the farming and merchantile business.

7. Gwendolyn Ashford, daughter of James Albert Ashford, Jr. and his wife, Carry Lee (Roberts) Ashford, was born December 16, 1916, at Pocahontas, in Hinds County, Mississippi. She married Benjamin Howard Nelson, Sr. son of William Jasper Nelson and Augusta B. (Howard) Nelson, in 1938. He was born August 28, 1913, Tunica, Mississippi.

Gwendolyn attended public school at Pocahontas and Flora, Mississippi. Finished high school at Clinton, attended Belhaven College, in Jackson, Mississippi, one year, and was graduated from the University of Mississippi. She and her husband are part owners of a Chevrolet Agency in New Orleans, Louisiana. They are Episcopalian. Their home address is 305 Cedar Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gwendolyn (Ashford) Nelson and her husband, Benjamin Howard Nelson, had issue:

8a. Gwendolyn Nelson, b. November 3, 1943, at Lake Charles, La.
8b. Benjamin Howard Nelson, Jr., b. March 18, 1951, at Jackson, Mississippi.

6. Rosa Lee Ashford, daughter of Dr. James Albert Ashford, Sr. and his wife, Mary Caroline Ashford, was born January 23, 1887, at Bolton, in Hinds County, Mississippi. She married Richard Dennman, son of Dr. T. J. Dennman and Ada (Crenshaw) Dennman, June 19, 1912, at Pocahontas, Mississippi. He was born May 11, 1886, Charleston, Mississippi, died June 16, 1948, Jackson, Mississippi.

Rosa Lee attended school at Bolton, Mississippi, and was graduated from Hillman College at Clinton, Mississippi. Taught school in Hinds County, Mississippi. Since her marriage, she has lived at Charleston, Greenwood, and Jackson, all in Mississippi. Rosa Lee has been very active in her Baptist Church, and taught Sunday School for many years, served as chairman of her circle, and as Bible teacher in Marion Longino Circle at Jackson, Mississippi. She is a member of the Round Table of her church, and a member of Luncheon Clubs.

Rosa Lee is a charming, modest person. The writer had to really work to get her to mention the above accomplishments. She lives at 1730 St. Mary Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Rosa Lee (Ashford) Dennman and her husband, Richard Dennman,

had issue:

7a. Alice Vivian Dennman, b. July 7, 1913.
7b. Richard Ashford Dennman, b. May 26, 1918.

Both children were born at Charleston, in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi.

7. Alice Vivian Dennman, daughter of Rosa Lee (Ashford) Dennman and her husband, Richard Dennman, was born July 7, 1913, at Charleston, Mississippi, in Tallahatchie County. She married William Millard Shoemaker, Sr., February 18, 1939. He was born July 6, 1911, at Hernando, Mississippi. She is Baptist and he is Methodist. They live in Jackson, Mississippi.

Alice Vivian was graduated from high school at Charleston, Mississippi, attended Brenau College for two years, and was graduated from the University of Mississippi. She was president of girls student government at "Ole Miss". Worked for the First National Bank in Memphis, Tennessee, and later for the Internal Revenue Department at Jackson, Mississippi.

Alice Vivian (Dennman) Shoemaker and her husband, W. M. Shoemaker, Sr. had issue:

8a. William Millard Shoemaker, Jr., b. September 15, 1942, at Memphis, Tennessee.
8b. Susan Shoemaker, b. November 25, 1944, at Memphis, Tenn.
8c. Richard Dennman Shoemaker, b. January 9, 1948, at Meridian, Mississippi.

7. Richard Ashford Dennman, Sr., son of Rosa Lee (Ashford) Dennman and her husband, Richard Dennman, was born May 26, 1918, at Charleston, in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi. He married Adelaide Bayliss, daughter of Eugene Bayliss and _____ _____, April 13, 1944. She was born October 18, 1916. He is Baptist and she is Methodist. They live at Jackson, Mississippi.

Richard Ashford Dennman, Sr. was graduated from high school in Greenwood, Mississippi, and from the University of Mississippi. After graduation he worked for Buckeye Cotton Oil Company. Served four years in military service. He is now working for Delta Cotton Oil Company in Jackson, Mississippi, where he makes his home.

Richard Ashford Dennman, Sr. and his wife, Adelaide (Bayliss) Dennman had issue:

8a. Richard Ashford Dennman, Jr., b. October 15, 1951, at Jackson, Mississippi.

6. Percy Young Ashford, son of Dr. James Albert Ashford, Sr. and

his wife, Mary Caroline Ashford, was born November 27, 1888, at Bolton, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He died January 22, 1951, at Memphis, Tennessee, and is buried in Memorial Park. He married Mamie Robbins. They had no issue.

Percy Y. Ashford attended Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi, and was graduated from the Atlanta School of Pharmacy, where he also taught for awhile. After practicing Pharmacy for a short while in Mississippi Delta towns, he moved to Memphis in 1920. Until he retired in 1948, he had owned and operated the Normal Drug Company at 571 South Highland. He was a Mason, and a member of the Buntyn Presbyterian Church. Percy was a hunting and fishing enthusiast, and was a member of the Memphis Skeet Club.

6. Ausburn Vaughn Ashford, son of Dr. James Albert Ashford, Sr. and his wife, Mary Caroline Ashford, was born October 17, 1889, in Hinds County, Mississippi. He has never married. Vaughn lives alone at the beautiful old country home where he was reared. He farms and raises cattle. His sisters, with their children and grand children love to gather at the old home occasionally to rest and get away from the busy world. It is a beautiful place to come back to and relax.

APPENDIX

Appendix A.

Information submitted by Miss Jessie Mae Ashford of Malvern, Arkansas and Washington, D. C., daughter of William Andrew and Jennie Marie (Trout) Ashford, and grand daughter of Jackson and Rebecca Jane (O'Kelly) Ashford. [1] Her great grandparents, John Ashford and Annie (Jones) Ashford, moved from Alabama to Tennessee (possibly to Shelby or Fayette county) about the time of the Civil War. It has been said her grandmother married first a Fisher or Fischer, and had several sons by this marriage, secondly she married an Ashford. There were three children born to this marriage, Martha R., Annie, and Jackson.

1. Martha R. Ashford, b. about 1830, m. Nathan N. Lester. They moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas prior to 1880, and lived there until their death.
2. Annie Ashford, b. 1840 in Alabama, m. Francis Frederick Wall 23 April 1857 in Covington, Tenn., d. 16 Sept. 1923. He was born in North Carolina in 1837, d. 4 June 1903. They died in Covington, Tenn. and were buried in the Munford Cemetery. To them were born eleven children:

    a. Willie R. Wall, b. 13 March 1858, m. Lula Johnson
    b. William A. Wall, b. 9 Dec. 1860, m. Mary Cox
    c. Emie Claudis Wall, b. 23 March 1862, m. J. Sensing
    d. Lula Wall, b. 12 Feb. 1864, m. Jeff. Findley
    e. Eddy Wall, b. 14 Nov. 1866, m. Mattie Cox
    f. Francis F. Wall, b. 29 Nov. 1869.
    g. Annie Wall, b. 9 Nov. 1871, m. Buck Johnson
    h. Florence Wall, b. 4 May 1873
    i. Porter Wall, b. 27 Sept. 1875
    j. Tarry Wall, b. 4 May 1878, m. Lilly Hanson
    k. Agnes Wall, b. 1882, m. Millard B. Tapp 16 April 1902 (As of 13 January 1956, all are deceased except Tarry & Agnes)

3. Jackson Ashford, b. 1 Jan. 1851 in Alabama, d. 24 Nov. 1919 at Shawmut, Pike Co., Arkansas, m. Rebecca Jane O'Kelly 7 Dec. 1870 at Gallaway, Fayette Co., Tenn. She was born 15 Jan. 1850, Gallaway, Tenn., d. 4 Dec. 1923 at Shawmut, Pike Co., Ark. Children:

    a. Corina Ashford, b. 14 Nov. 1871 Gallaway, Tenn., d. 19 March 1948, m. James Coatus Simpson.
    b. Nannie Ashford, b. 16 July 1873 Gallaway, Tenn., d. 11 Sept. 1911, m. Andrew Gathright.
    c. Effie Ashford, b. 17 June 1875, Dardanell, Yell co., Ark., m. Oscar C. Horn 1893.

1. Anyone having facts which may help Miss Ashford to further her study, please contact the writer.

d. Taylor J. Ashford, b. 26 July 1875 Dardanell, Yell co., Ark., d. 27 October 1950 Hot Springs, Ark., m. 1st Daisy (O'Kelly) Doyle 1897, m. 2nd Ida Banks. He was a blind band teacher over 55 years. At the time of his death, "he was the only blind band director in the nation." [1] Children:

(1) Wheeler Simmon "Bob" Ashford, b. 15 Aug. 1898, d. Dec. 1955, m. 8 March 1925 Florence _____, no issue.
(2) Hugh Taylor Ashford, b. 14 May 1900, m. Edith Mehl, no issue.
(3) Jesse Edgar "Bo" Ashford, b. 14 May 1905, m. 13 Oct. 1938, Evelyn Kunkle, no male heir.
(4) Nita Marie Ashford, b. 25 Jan. 1903, m. Wm. T. Tucker 8 June 1922
(5) Lois Ashford, m. Charles F. Colster

e. Annie L. Ashford, b. 9 June 1880 Ola, Yell co., Ark. m. 1st David G. Cowling 28 June 1896, m. 2nd Harry B. Wright.
f. Cora Mae Ashford, b. 13 May 1882 Ola, Yell co., Ark., m. Edgar Baxter Stockemer 30 June 1901.
g. William Andrew Ashford, b. 7 Aug. 1888 Ola, Yell co., Ark., m. Jennie Marie Trout 6 Feb. 1910 at Shawmut, Pike co., Ark. Children:

(1) Clarence Edward Ashford, b. 10 Nov. 1910 Shawmut, Ark., m. Addie Adelle Brown 25 May 1945. Children:

(a) Joyce Marie Ashford, b. 28 Oct. 1949 in Rio de Janerio, Brazil
(b) Mildred Elaine Ashford, b. 27 June 1951 in Rio de Janerio, Brazil

(2) Jessie Mae Ashford, b. 28 December 1912 Shawmut, Ark.

h. Charles James Ashford, m. 1st Theopa Vivian Wolfe 28 Feb. 1917. Children:

(1) Doris Jean Ashford, b. 24 June 1918
(2) Julian Wallace Ashford, b. 25 Dec. 1919, m. 23 Oct. 1943 Ila Pearl Ayers. Children:

(a) Phyllis Jean Ashford, b. 15 Oct. 1948 Oklahoma City, Okla.
(b) Richard Wallace Ashford, b. 3 May 1951, Oklahoma City, Okla. [2]

(3) John Ira Ashford, b. 10 Jan. 1924, d. 8 Jan. 1925
(4) Patricia Marnette Ashford, b. 26 July 1933

1. "The Sentinel - Record" Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, Saturday, October 28, 1950.
2. The only one in this generation to carry on the Ashford name.

Appendix B.

Information submitted by Miss Elizabeth Jeanette Ashford, 119 Broad Street, Georgetown, S. C., daughter of Forrest and Isabelle Viola (Bellune, Smith) Ashford; grand daughter of Colonel John & Elizabeth Faison (Hines) Ashford; great grand daughter of Thomas J. & Isabella (Slocumb) Ashford, and great, great grand daughter of John Stonestreet & Ann (Jewell) Ashford.

This line is believed to be direct descendants of Michael Ashford, Sr. and his oldest son, John Ashford, of Fairfax Co., Va. John Ashford married Elizabeth Stonestreet, daughter of Thomas Stonestreet of Prince George Co., Md. Thomas Stonestreet stated in his will which was probated 2 April 1771 to "my daughter Elizabeth Ashford 4 ~~b~~ besides what I have given her already." [1] John Ashford died in 1765 without making a will and his land descended to Butler Stonestreet Ashford. Butler Stonestreet Ashford, and his wife, Susannah sold the land to John Bates. (Land was on Accotink Creek, Fairfax Co., Va.) The land had been granted in Nov. 8, 1720 to William O'Daniel then to Michael Ashford May 29, 1729 by a Proprietors Deed, and by will to his oldest son, John Ashford; John dying intestate, the land descended to Butler Stonestreet Ashford, Nov. 20, 1775. [2] It is believed that John & Elizabeth (Stonestreet) Ashford to be the parents of Butler Stonestreet Ashford, and he the father of John Stonestreet Ashford.

1. John Stonestreet Ashford, b. 14 Feb. 1753, m. Ann Jewell, b. 25 Feb. 1763 (settled in New Hanover County, N. C. Moved to Sampson Co. between 1800 and 1810. Children:

    a. Rebecca Ashford, b. 10 June 1783, d. 28 March 1872, never married
    b. William Ashford, b. 22 Sept. 1786, d. 8 April 1862, m. 1st Polly Blackman under a Marriage Contract 8 Oct. 1821 [3] m. 2nd Elizabeth A. Slocumb, b. 3 Oct. 1801, d. 13 Aug. 1877. [4]
    c. Ann Ashford, b. 20 Nov. 1788, never married.
    d. Butler J. Ashford, b. 3 Jan. 1791, m. Sara Baker of South Carolina. They moved to St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. [5]

1. Thomas Stonestreet's will, Box 11, Folder 35, Prince George Co., Md., Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.
2. Deed Book M, p. 163, Fairfax County Court House, Fairfax, Va.
3. Copy of Marriage Contract in possession of Miss Elizabeth Jeanette Ashford.
4. Copy of Will of Elizabeth A. (Slocumb) in possession of Miss Elizabeth Jeanette Ashford.
5. Letters written by Butler Ashford, St. Landry Parish, La. dated 1 Jan. & 18 June 1826, in possession of Miss Elizabeth Jeanette Ashford.

Children:

(1) William R. Ashford, St. Landry, La.
(2) Christ R. Ashford, St. Landry, La.

e. Catherine Ashford, b. 15 Sept. 1793, m. William Bass
f. Susan Ashford, b. 19 Dec. 1797, m. Nathan King
g. Street Ashford, b. 15 Jan. 1799, d. about 1845, never married.
h. Thomas J. Ashford, b. 7 Feb. 1805, m. Isabella Slocumb (sister to 2nd wife of William Ashford above).

2. Thomas J. Ashford, 8th child of John Stonestreet and Ann (Jewell) Ashford, b. 2 Feb. 1805, m. Isabella Slocumb
Children:

a. Eliza Ashford
b. John Ashford, b. 6 Sept. 1837, d. 6 Jan. 1889, m. Elizabeth Faison Hines
c. Dolly Ashford, never married
d. Carrie Ashford, m. Jesse Lane
e. Mary Ashford, m. John A. Oates
f. Thomas Ashford, m. Anna Johnson, b. June 6, 1850, d. 1917
g. Andonia Ashford, m. Henry Herring
h. Emma Ashford, m. M. J. Hobbs
i. Isabella "Belle" Ashford, b. 28 July 1856, d. 20 May 1931, m. R. F. DeVane

3. Colonel John Ashford (Civil War), 2nd child of Thomas J. & Isabella (Slocumb) Ashford, b. 6 Sept. 1837, d. 6 Jan. 1889, m. Elizabeth Faison Hines, b. 8 May 1841, d. 14 June 1922.
Children:

a. Katie Pender Ashford, b. 19 Aug. 1863, d. 30 Dec. 1864
b. William H. Ashford, b. 17 May 1865, d. 21 May 1866
c. Mary Faison "Mamie" Ashford, b. 13 Dec. 1866, d. 19 May 1955, never married.
d. Ida Ashford, b. 13 Nov. 1868, d. 15 April 1951, m. F. R. Cooper, 31 Dec. 1903
e. James H. Ashford, b. 19 Oct. 1870, d. 3 Jan. 1889
f. William Pender Ashford, b. 8 Nov. 1872, d. 3 Jan. 1889
g. Thomas J. Ashford, b. 2 Sept. 1875, d. 1951, m. Lula Beamon Hobbs 29 Nov. 1916.
h. Forrest Ashford, b. 24 Oct. 1877, m. Isabelle Viola (Bellune) Smith 8 Jan. 1908. She was born 27 Dec. 1873 in Georgetown, S. C., d. 25 Nov. 1937.
i. Serena B. Ashford, b. 29 Aug. 1879, never married.
j. Annie Jewell Ashford, b. 29 April 1885, m. Henry L. Stewart 25 June 1913.

4. Forrest Ashford, 8th child of Col. John & Elizabeth Faison (Hines) Ashford, b. 24 Oct. 1877, m. Isabelle Viola (Bellune)

Smith 8 Jan. 1908. She was born 27 Dec. 1873 in Georgetown, S. C., d. 25 Nov. 1937. Children:

a. Elizabeth Jeannette Ashford, b. 21 Jan. 1909 Georgetown, S. C.
b. Birdie Steele Ashford, b. 5 Jan. 1913 Georgetown, S. C., m. 25 Nov. 1937 Mason Davis Nesmith, Jr.
c. First Lieutenant John Forrest Ashford, USA, b. 25 Sept. 1917 Georgetown, S. C. He was killed at Luzon, P. I. 21 March 1945, buried first at Santa Barbara, later moved to Ft. William H. McKinnley Cemetery, Manila, P. I. (World War II)

Appendix C.

The following information was submitted by Mrs. Edward Rowan Dent, the former Miss Harry Lee Merck, of Gainesville, Georgia, daughter of Charlotte DeBelle (Ashford) Merck and Charles Stephen Merck; granddaughter of James Young Ashford and Evelyn Jane (Appleby) Ashford, and great grand daughter of William A. Ashford and Charlotte (Andrews) Ashford. Mrs. Dent feels certain that William A. Ashford was the son of George Ashford, Sr. of Newberry County, South Carolina.

I. William A. Ashford, b. 8 Nov. 1782, m. Charlotte DeBelle Andrews. To them were born nine children:

1. Mary Ashford, m. Henry Griffin
2. George Ashford, never married
3. Lizzie Ashford, m. Tom Miller
4. Sara Ashford, m. John Griggs
5. Liza Ashford, m. Abe Erwin
6. Martha Ashford, m. Mike Erwin (brother of Abe)
7. Carrie Ashford, m. Jo Sims
8. James Young Ashford, m. Evelyn Jane Appleby
9. Harriott Ashford, never married

II. James Young Ashford, 8th child of William A. Ashford and his wife, Charlotte (Andrews) Ashford, b. 25 Oct. 1823 in Fairfield Co., S. C., d. 1 April 1891 in Gainesville, Ga., m. Evelyn Jane Appleby. She was born 29 Aug. 1835 in Jackson Co., Ga., d. 2 May 1923 in Gainesville, Ga. To them were born nine children:

1. William Kennedy Ashford, b. 20 Dec.1855, Lee Co., Ala. d. 25 Sept. 1927, m. 28 Aug. 1882 Florence Candler.
2. George Scott Ashford, b. 7 April 1857, Lee Co., Ala. d. 28 March 1858.
3. Evelyn Julia Ashford, b. 18 Jan. 1859, Lee Co., Ala. d. 18 May 1942, never married.
4. Charlotte De Belle Ashford, b. 5 Feb. 1861, Lee Co., Ala. d. 22 March 1949, Gainesville, Ga., m. Charles Stephen Merck.
5. Mary J. Ashford, b. 25 April 1863, d. 25 Sept. 1863
6. Ella May Ashford, b. 25 May 1866, d. 30 March 1947, m. 17 Aug. 1888 Henry Daniels.
7. John Edwin Ashford, b. 15 Nov. 1868, d. 26 June 1906, (crippled) never married.
8. James Henry Ashford, b. 22 April 1870, d. 1 May 1922, m. 10 June 1901 Cora Dabbs
9. Mary Augusta Ashford, b. 29 July 1873, West Point, Ga., d. 5 July 1955, m. 27 Feb. 1899 John W. Markham.

III. Charlotte DeBelle Ashford, 4th child of James Young Ashford and wife, Evelyn Jane (Appleby) Ashford, b. 6 Feb. 1861, Lee

Co., Ala., d. 22 March 1949, Gainesville, Ga., m. Charles Stephen Merck. To them were born six children:

1. Harry Lee Merck (female), b. 8 Sept. 1885, Jackson Co., Ga.
2. Fred Larson Merck, b. 13 June 1887, Jackson Co., Ga., d. 2 July 1929, m. Edna Hern and Etty Schyetl.
3. Charles Stakley Merck, b. 12 May 1889, Gainesville, Ga., m. Georgia Cler
4. Ruby Evelyn Merck, b. 27 Nov. 1890, Gainesville, Ga., m. William T. Wing
5. Ralph Ashford Merck, m. Lucy Syfan
6. Lottie May Merck, b. 13 Jan. 1892, Gainesville, Ga., m. Harry Gunn Fannin

IV. Harry Lee Merck, b. 8 Sept. 1885, Hoschton, Ga., m. Edward Rawson Dent. He was born 1 April 1879, Newman, Ga., d. 16 Aug. 1937, Gainesville, Ga. To them were born one child:

1. Charlotte Catherine Dent, b. 15 Aug. 1907, Gainesville, Ga.

V. Charlotte Catherine Dent, only child of Harry Lee (Merck) Dent and Edward Rowan Dent, b. 15 Aug. 1907, Gainesville, Ga., m. Jared Sullivan Bostick, 28 Dec. 1930 at Easley, S. C. He was born 18 Sept. 1904, Spartanburg, S. C., two children were born to them:

1. Charles Dent Bostick, b. 28 Dec. 1931, Gainesville, Ga.
2. Sara Sullivan Bostick, b. 28 Aug. 1933, Spartanburg, S. C.

VI. Sara Sullivan Bostick, 2nd child of Charlotte Catherine (Dent) Bostick and Jared Sullivan Bostick, b. 28 Aug. 1933, Spartanburg, S. C., m. Leland Chadwick Rew, Jr. He was born 21 Nov. 1930. Children:

1. Deborah Dent Rew, b. 5 Jan. 1955, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Appendix D.

Information submitted by Mrs. Rufus A. Castle, Rion, S. C., obtained from Mrs. Elliot Roseborough Ashford, Union, S. C.

I. Tom or (Thomas) Ashford, m. Mattie Camak. To them were born six children:

1. Lillian Ashford, m. _____Woodie
2. Nettie Ashford, m. _____Stroud
3. Bryant Ashford, m. _____Miller
4. Maggie Ashford, m. _____McDowell
5. Clarence Ashford, m. _____Parks
6. Elliot Roseborough Ashford, m. Mae Scott.

II. Elliot Roseborough Ashford, b. 27 March 1885, Fairfield Co., S. C., d. 1 Sept. 1951, Union, S. C., m. Mae Scott, b. 2 Aug. 1890, Union, S. C., (daughter of Henry B. Scott and Mary Louise (Gibson) Scott), children:

a. E. Frost Ashford, b. 9 Sept. 1910, Union, S. C.
b. Annie Mae Ashford, b. 16 March 1913, Union, S. C.
c. Marion W. Ashford, b. 13 October 1919, Union, S. C.
d. Elliot Roseborough Ashford, Jr., b. 8 July 1921, Union, S. C.
e. James Felix Ashford, b. 16 May 1924, Union, S. C.

B. Annie Mae Ashford, 2nd child of Elliot Roseborough Ashford and Mae (Scott) Ashford, b. 16 March 1913, Union, S. C., m. Carl Errol Hicks, Sr. He was born 5 Sept. 1910, Buffalo, S. C., children: (Address: Union, S. C.)

1. Carl Errol Hicks, Jr., b. 17 March 1943

E. James Felix Ashford, 5th child of Elliot Roseborough Ashford and Mae (Scott) Ashford, b. 16 May 1924, Union, S. C., m. Julia Mae Ammons. She was born 24 Dec. 1920, Union, S. C. (Address: Buckeye Forrest, Route 3, Spartanburg, S. C.)

Anyone having information on the ancestors of the above family, please contact the writer.

Appendix E.

The information below is included for what it may be worth to those who may be interested in joining D. A. R. or S. A. R. Bible records to prove some of the families below may be found in Volumn 3, Cemetery and Bible Records, soon to be published by The Mississippi Genealogical Society. Any record that the writer may have is available to you upon request.

1st Gen.:
Ashford, Charlie Rabb, Sr.--B. Attala County, Miss.17 Sept. 1902, (M) Nannie Smith, Brookhaven, Miss. 23 Oct. 1930: Children: Patricia Ann, (m) J. D. Johnson; Sally Sandra; Charlie Jr., (m) Deborah Hudson; James Knox; Walter Pepper and Hanna Susan. Res. Starkville, Mississippi.

2nd Gen.:
Ashford, James Knox--B. 20 Feb. 1863, Attala Co., Miss. D. 21 June 1931 at Tutwiler, Miss. (Bur. there) (M) Callie Ophelia Hughes, at Conway, Miss. 3 Feb. 1885. She B. Leake Co., Miss. 17 Aug. 1867: Children: Dewitt (m) Willue D. Chennault; James Hughes (m) Bonnie Poer; Florence, D. Age 3.; Walter Knox (M.1st) Mary Rose Rainey, 2nd Nannie Koonce; George Lee, D. single age 32; Fred Young (m.1st) Rose Kennedy, 2nd Cressie Lovett; Charlie Rabb (m) Nannie Smith; and, Iris Ophelia.

3rd Gen.:
Ashford, James Polk--B. 12 June 1839--Fairfield Co. S. C., D. 4 Sept. 1916 (Bur. Kosciusko, Miss.)(M) Kosciusko 3 April 1860, Sarah Young Knox, B. Pickens Co., Ala. 6 Dec. 1838, d. 20 Aug. 1895 (Bur. Kosciusko) Children: Elizabeth Jane, D. Age 3; James Knox (above); Jane Hanna, (M) 1st Jim Fletcher, 2nd Tom Clark; Margaret Catherine (M) Albert Newton Love; John David, (M) Mable Clair Chennault. Res. Kosciusko, Miss.

Hughes, Madison G., B. 5 Jan. 1832, Ala. (where?) D. 21 Nov. 1881 Leake Co., Miss. (Bur. Goshen) (M) Leake Co. 10 Feb. 1858, Mary Jane Presley, B. S. C. 12 May 1836, D. 19 Aug. 1923 (Bur. Covington Co., Miss.) Children: Darril H., D. 1878-never married; William Madison, (M) Martha Jane Merchant; Victoria; Mary Adaline (M) Jim Dave Gordon; Gasmore McDonald, (M) Elizabeth M. Dorrill; Leah Malinda, (M) John Henry Nordin; Callie Ophelia, (above); Martha Ann, D. age 1; Virgil, (M) Fairy Bell; Robert, (M) Alice May Wheeler; Malissie, (M) Wm. Turner; Emma, (M) Claude L. Thompson.

4th Gen.:
Ashford, John Rabb--B. 29 Jan. 1808, Fairfield Co., S. C., D. 7 April 1856, Winston Co., Miss. (Bur. Old Condord Cemetery, Choctaw Co., Miss.) (M) Fairfield Co., 6 Jan. 1835, Elizabeth D. Rabb, B. Fairfield Co., 4 Oct. 1814, D. Fairfield Co. 4 June 1852. (Bur. James Ashford family cemetery, Strother, S. C.), Children: Mary, D. Age 1; John Bunyan, D. age 6 mos.; James Polk (above); Sarah V., D. infant; Catherine Harrison, (M) Andrew Jackson Taylor; Charlie Joseph, (M) Martha A. Self. Res. Fairfield Co., S.C. and Winston Co., Miss.

Knox,David Ware (Capt.), B. 6 Feb. 1817, Tenn., D. 26 Mar. 1888, (Bur. Kosciusko) (M) Green Co. Ala. 4 Jan. 1838, Jane Hanna, B. 21 Jul. 1818 S. C., D. 27 Aug. 1864. (Bur. Kosciusko) Children: Sarah Young, (M) James Polk Ashford; Margaret Elliott, (M) Capt. James N. Jackson. Res. Pickens Co., Ala.; Winston Co. Miss. Attala Co., Miss.

Hughes, David--B. 1796, S. C. (Where?), D. Pike Co., Miss., (M) Leah Morrow, B. 1800 S. C. (Where?) Children: Lawrence; Madison G. (above) Drayton; Doc; David; Virgil; Lettie (M) Noonan; Moriah, (M) Jim Burnett; Eran, (M) Robt. Falkner; Victoria (M) Jim Gordon. Res. S. C. --- where? Alabama --- where? Leake Co., Miss. Pike Co., Miss.

Presley, Barney Harrison--B. 27 Feb. 1880 Chester Co. S.C. [redacted]. Leake Co. Miss., (M) Malinda Morgan, S. C. (where?), D. Leake Co., Miss. Children: William A.; Turner Thomas; Alexander, Mary Jane (above);Elizabeth, (M) George Joiner; Ellis Harrison; Rousel Cressenberry, (M) Katherine Ivy.; Hosie, (M) Kate Hill; and Malinda Asena Hannah, (M) Elishe Harrell Sr. Res. S. C., Henderson, Tenn., Leake Co., Miss.

5th Gen.:
Ashford, James--B. 14 Aug. 1777 (where?), D. 3 Mar. 1833, Fairfield Co. S. C. (Bur. at his family cemetery Strother, S. C.), (M) Mary Rabb, B. 16 Dec. 1780, Fairfield Co., D. 22 Apr. 1847, Fairfield Co. (Bur. beside her husband). Children: Thomas Woodward (M) Ashley; John Rabb (above); Elizabeth D., D. age 1 mo.; Sarah D. (M) Smith; Robert James (M) Martha Caroline Taylor; George DeBelle; James Redding (M) Rachel Young Taylor. Res. Fairfield Co., S. C.

Knox, James--B. 21 Feb. 1786, S. C., D. 1 May 1864, Pickens Co., Ala. (M) Margaret Elliott, B. 4 Mar. 1782 S. C., D. Pickens Co., Ala., 20 Dec. 1864. Children: John Springer (M) Rachel Rainey Murphy; Mary (M) John A. Holder; David Ware (above); Jane, (M) West; Margaret (M) Andrew Peyton; Damarious, (M) Ashbel Peden; William. Res. S. C. Giles Co., Tenn., Tuscaloosa Co., Ala. and Pickens Co., Ala.

Hanna, Samuel--B. 1773, S. C., D. July 26 1840, Green Co., Ala., (M) Sarah-B. 1773 (believed to be Young), D. 14 Nov. 1853, Green Co., Ala. Children: Andrew J. (M) Jane Young Thompson, 2nd Kate Delashma; James (M) Rebecca Hanna (1st cousin); William; Robert Young, (M) 1st Mary Wilson, 2nd Julia Cameron Thompson; Sarah, (M) 1st John P. Kennedy, 2nd James Kennedy; Archibald, (M) Susan Herron and moved to Texas; Jane (above) and Samuel Jr., (M) Margaret Herron. Res. S. C. and Green Co., Ala.

Rabb, Charles--B. 13 June 1782, Fairfield Co., S. C. D. 30 July 1866, Fairfield Co. (Bur. his family cemetery 5 miles from Monticello, S. C.) (M) Mary V. Harrison, B. 1 March 1796, Fairfield Co., S. C., D. 3 April 1870. Fairfield Co. (Bur. beside her husband) Children: Elizabeth D. (above); Thomas W., (M) Caroline---?; Jonathan Harrison, (M) Nancy S. Chappel. Res. Fairfield Co., S. C.

Need information on: Hughes, Presley, Morgan and Morrow--All of SC.

6th Gen.:
Ashford, George, Sr.--Born about 1723--believed to be in Prince William Co., Va., D. 31 July 1814, Newberry Co., SC. (M) Mary - Children: Ann, (M) Kent; Mary (M) Fag; Michael; Constance (M) Hogan; Elizabeth (M) Hutchison; George, Jr. (M) Jemima Rabb; Sibbie (M) Shockley; Moses; Sarah; Jane (M) Morgan; Redding; Leanna (M) Josiah Gorree; Micajah; James (above) (M) Mary Rabb; Bennett (M) Macon; William (M) Charlotte Andrews; John; Simon (M) Polly Gorree; Residence--believed to be Fairfax Co., Va., until 1762 when he sold the land he inherited from his father, Michael, to George Washington. Was in Union Co., S. C. 1784. Moved to Newberry Co. 1789 and died there 31 Jul. 1814. Badly in need of proof of where he lived from 1762 until 1784--believed to be in N. C. maybe in that part of McDowell Co. which was formed from Burke Co.

Rabb, Robert--B. about 1749 (would like to know for sure), D. 1817, Fairfield Co., S. C., (M) Nancy Woodward, B. 1760. Children: Thomas Alexander (M) Massy P. Smith; Jemima (above); Sarah (M) Charles Liles; Mary (above) (M) James Ashford; Martha (M) Gorree; Harriott (M) Cook; John W;. Res. Fairfield Co., S. C.

Rabb, (believed to be) Alexander--who patented land on Little River in Fairfield Co., S. C. in 1762 and was charter member of Little River Baptist Church Feb. 26, 1770. (M) Elizabeth (who?). According to Elizabeth's will they had the following children: Alexander; Charles (above) (M) Mary V. Harrison; Elizabeth (M) Bell; Mary Ann (M) Crumpton; Robert; Nancy and Sarah. Res. Fairfield Co., S. C.

Harrison, Jonathan--B. 1765, D. 1851, Fairfield Co., S. C. Bur. there. (M) Sally V. (Sarah) Tyler; b. 1774, d. 1855, Fairfield Co., S. C. Children: Burr (M) Kats; Mary V. (above) (M) Charles Rabb; Cuthbert; Elizabeth (M) George W. Ashford. Res. Fairfield Co. S. C.

Knox, John--B. 1745, Ireland, d. 3 March 1802, (M) Nancy Elizabeth Berry, d. 3 Apr. 1840--Ala. Children: John Jr.; James (above) (M) Margaret Elliott (his first cousin); Elizabeth (M) Culley; Anna (M) Andrew Elliott (first cousin); Mary (M) McConnell; Rachel (M) David Elliott, Jr. (first cousin). The above information taken from an old family Bible in possession of Reid Lambert, Box 78 N. Mobile, Alabama. The writer would like proof of John Knox's Rev. war record.

Elliott, David Sr.--B. about 1747 near Belfast, Ireland. d. about 1804, (M) 1773 Elizabeth Knox, b. Ireland 1750, d. 29 Jan. 1852, Moundville, Ala. Children: Margaret (above) (M) James Knox; John; Mary Ann (M) Gibson; Andrew (M) Anna Knox; William (M) Rachel Seale; Elizabeth (M) Andrew Dowdle; David Jr. (M) Rachel Knox, 2nd. Levicy Jane Smith; Jane Carr (M) William Seale; Elizabeth (Knox) Elliott was Rev. Patriot. Mrs. R. B. McLeod and her mother of Hattiesburg, Miss. joined D. A. R. on her services.

Hanna, James--B. 1738, Ireland, d. 1822, Fairfield Co., S. C. (M) not known. Children: Robert; Samuel (above) (M) Sarah (believed to be YOUNG); Susanah; James, (M) Jane Scott; Mary J.; Andrew; Thomas; Rev. service of James Hanna not proven by this writer yet, but he under-

stands it has been proven by a Mr. Parker of Texas.

7th Gen.:

Ashford, Michael--B. (date or place not known yet) Died 1734, Prince William Co., Va. (M) Ann, B. (place and date not known) D. 1734, Prince William Co., Va. The wills of Michael and Ann may be found at the courthouse at Mannassa, Va. They named the following children: John (M) Elizabeth Stonestreet; Michael Jr.; George (believed to be George who was in Union Co., S. C. in 1784 and in Newberry Co., S. C. in 1789) William; Ann; Mary; and, Constance.

Harrison, Burr--B. 1738, Va., d. 22 Aug. 1822, Chester Dist. S. C. (M) Elizabeth Dargan. Children: Burr, (M) Nancy Hart; Mary (M) Benjamin May; Jonathan (above) (M) Sally V. (Sarah) Tyler; Kate (M) Samuel Johnson; Elizabeth, d. single; Rebecca (M) Nathaniel Cocknell; Susan, (M) Wm. Head; Sophy, (M) Christopher Thompson; Daran (M) 1st James Runnells, 2nd. Hartwell Macon; Narcissa (M) James Ragsdale; Mordicae (M) Susan Alston; and Anna (M) McClelland of Charleston, S. C. (Burr Harrison, Rev. soldier. DAR. Nos.: 125581; 127172; 140370; 144078; 144809; 158399.

Knox, John--M. Elizabeth. Children: John (above) (M) Nancy Elizabeth Berry; Andrew; Elizabeth (above) (M) David Elliott, Sr.; Joseph; James; and Ann.

Note: The writer does not have in his possession proof for part of the data found in the sixth and seventh generations. He accepted statements from people believed to have the facts. Would appreciate any proof you may find.

Charlie Rabb Ashford, Sr.

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